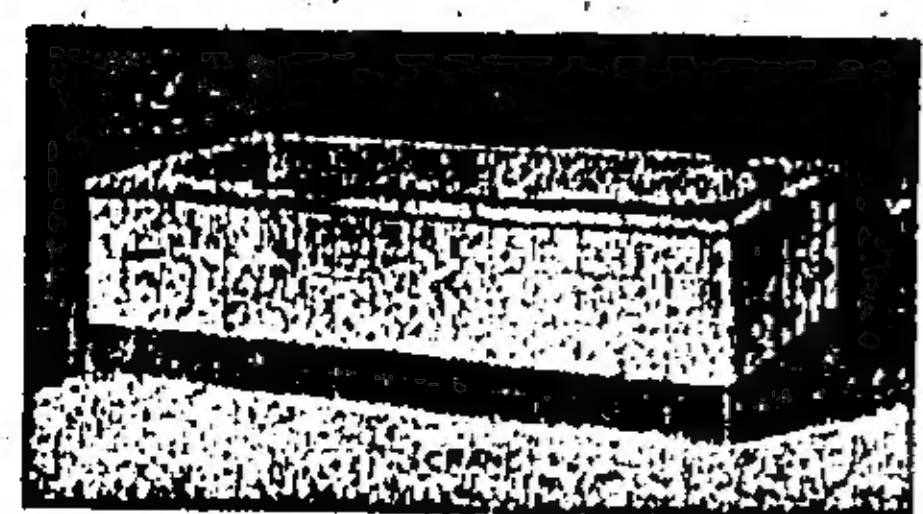


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## ANTI-DUMPING.

### Bill Passed By Commons.

#### Mr. Runciman Gives Assurance.

#### NO ABUSE OF HIS POWERS.

London, Nov. 19.  
By 329 votes to 44, the House of Commons to-night passed the third reading of the Abnormal Importations Bill (Anti-Dumping).

There were but a dozen opposition Labour amendments which were defeated with enormous majorities in the committee stage of the Bill.

The Bill will to-morrow go to the House of Lords to pass through all stages in that Chamber and to receive the Royal assent.

To-night's debate was based on Labour amendments for modifying the scope of the measure, particularly by excluding from its operation articles, wholly or mainly manufactured, which may be used as raw materials in other industries.

#### Designed to Assist.

Mr. Horé Belisha, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade said that such matters would be borne in mind by the President of the Board of Trade in the exercise of his powers.

The Bill was designed to assist, and not to impede industry. For that reason, the Government had selected out of all the clauses in the import list, that class which did not deal with raw materials. The principles that would guide them in the administration of the measure had been indicated by Mr. Runciman, who had assured them that the powers would not be abused as he was fully alive to the delicacy of British industry and commerce, and to the narrow margins on which prosperity was retained.

#### French Anticipation.

Attention was called at question-time to the recent French decree, imposing additional discriminating duties on imports from various countries, including Britain and the Dominions.

On behalf of the President of the Board of Trade, who was asked whether retaliatory measures were contemplated, it was stated that the whole question of the appropriate action to be taken in the matter was engaging the serious consideration of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

#### No Treaty Rights.

In reply to another question on this subject, as to whether the French action was in conformity with the most favoured nation treaty with France, it was stated that although United Kingdom goods have received most favoured nation treatment in France in the matter of duties under French law for some fifty years, there was no treaty in force under which either country was bound to accord such treatment to the goods of the other.—British Wireless.

## FIRE AT SEA ON B. & S. SHIP.

### EXTINGUISHED IN QUICK TIME.

A report made at the Harbour Office by the master of the Butterfield and Swire vessel Kweiyang, which arrived in port from Bangkok and Huichow yesterday, stated that a small fire was discovered in the No. 4 hold 'tween decks, and was extinguished without much damage.

The fire was discovered just after the vessel had left Huichow on Wednesday.

It was also reported that a Chinese male passenger died and was buried at sea.

A Chinese woman who yesterday engaged a sampan at Yau-mat to take her to the Kowloon Godown, fell into the water when nearing her destination. A prompt rescue was effected by a man named Pang Taim, the victim being afterwards taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

## THROWING DOWN GAUNTLET. Vigorous Japanese Note to League Council.

### REFUSAL TO LEAVE MANCHURIA.

#### MILITARY OCCUPATION TO BE MAINTAINED.

### NEW TREATY WITH CHINA DEMANDED.

THE LEAGUE COUNCIL are now faced with an issue which cannot be side-stepped.

A Japanese Note handed to M. Briand yesterday makes it perfectly clear that Japan has no intention of surrendering military occupation of Manchuria until a new treaty with China has been concluded, embracing all existing treaties and the "famous" Five Points.

Even should the security of Japanese property and nationals seem assured, the Japanese Government will not order the withdrawal of the army of occupation.

#### SOVIET RUSSIA'S NEUTRALITY.

Paris, Nov. 19.  
The slender hope of settlement engendered by the Japanese suggestion of a Commission of Enquiry has been dispelled by a Note handed to M. Briand this afternoon by Mr. Yoshizawa, in which it is understood, Japan declares she will not evacuate Manchuria until a new treaty has been negotiated with China confirming the present treaties and the fundamental points enumerated in the recent Note sent to M. Briand.

The Japanese Note adds that even should the security of property and Japanese nationals in Manchuria seem assured, Japan will maintain military occupation because she feels that the Nanking Government is a tool of the Kuomintang, and such an essentially anti-Japanese organism is powerless to ensure order in the occupied territory.

The private meeting of the League Council to be held to-morrow, has been postponed until 4 p.m. and there is thus no question of a public session being held to-morrow.—Reuter.

#### French Favour Commission.

The despatch of a League Commission of Enquiry and Observation to Manchuria, coupled with guarantees of Japan's treaty rights, is advocated by the French journal *Le Temps* Debats, as a solution of the Manchurian problem, thereby probably reflecting authoritative French opinion.—Reuter.

#### War Materials From Britain.

London, Nov. 19.  
Major J. D. Colville, Secretary for Overseas Trade, announced in the House of Commons to-night, that licences for the export of war materials to the Chinese and Japanese Governments had been issued in the last six months.—Reuter.

#### Chiang's Appeal.

Nanking, Nov. 20.  
By a dramatic appeal to all members of the Kuomintang, to render full support to the campaign which he proposes to undertake in Manchuria, General Chiang Kai-shek caused a great sensation at the Fourth Kuomintang Session yesterday morning. It is believed that Chiang Kai-shek had heard of the rapid Japanese advance on Taitaihar when he arrived at the Session room. He quietly communicated with the Chairman and stated that he wished to interrupt the session for a few minutes. The unexpected appearance of Chiang Kai-shek at the Session was sufficient to cause excitement.

Addressing the meeting, Chiang Kai-shek said "For eight days the Fourth Kuomintang Session has met to discuss the best means of re-uniting all Kuomintang factions to present a united front against

foreign aggression in Manchuria. The Kuomintang delegates at this Session have reiterated their strong desire to fulfil their duty to the country."

#### Struggle and Fight.

"I believe that it is the duty of all revolutionist leaders to struggle and to fight."

"I appeal to members of this Session to forget personal considerations and interests, to accept without the least hesitation the new members proposed for the Fourth Kuomintang Congress's Executive Committee whose names will, in time, be submitted by the Southern Government in Canton."

Never in the whole history of our party has there been a time when unity within the Kuomintang is more needed than it is to-day and for this reason I strongly desire to effect an immediate and sincere compromise between the South and the North for the salvation of our country.

"I propose that the Kuomintang Party invite all former supporters and leaders to return to assist in this new struggle which concerns the existence of our race."—Renah.

#### Russia's Neutrality.

An unconfirmed report from Moscow states that the Soviet Government has decided not to reply to the Japanese "Friendly warning," despatched to the Russian Government.

The report is said to further state that the Soviet Government considers the conversations between M. Litvinoff and the Japanese Minister have sufficiently proved Russia's neutrality concerning Manchuria.—Reuter.

#### ON HEALTH TRIP.

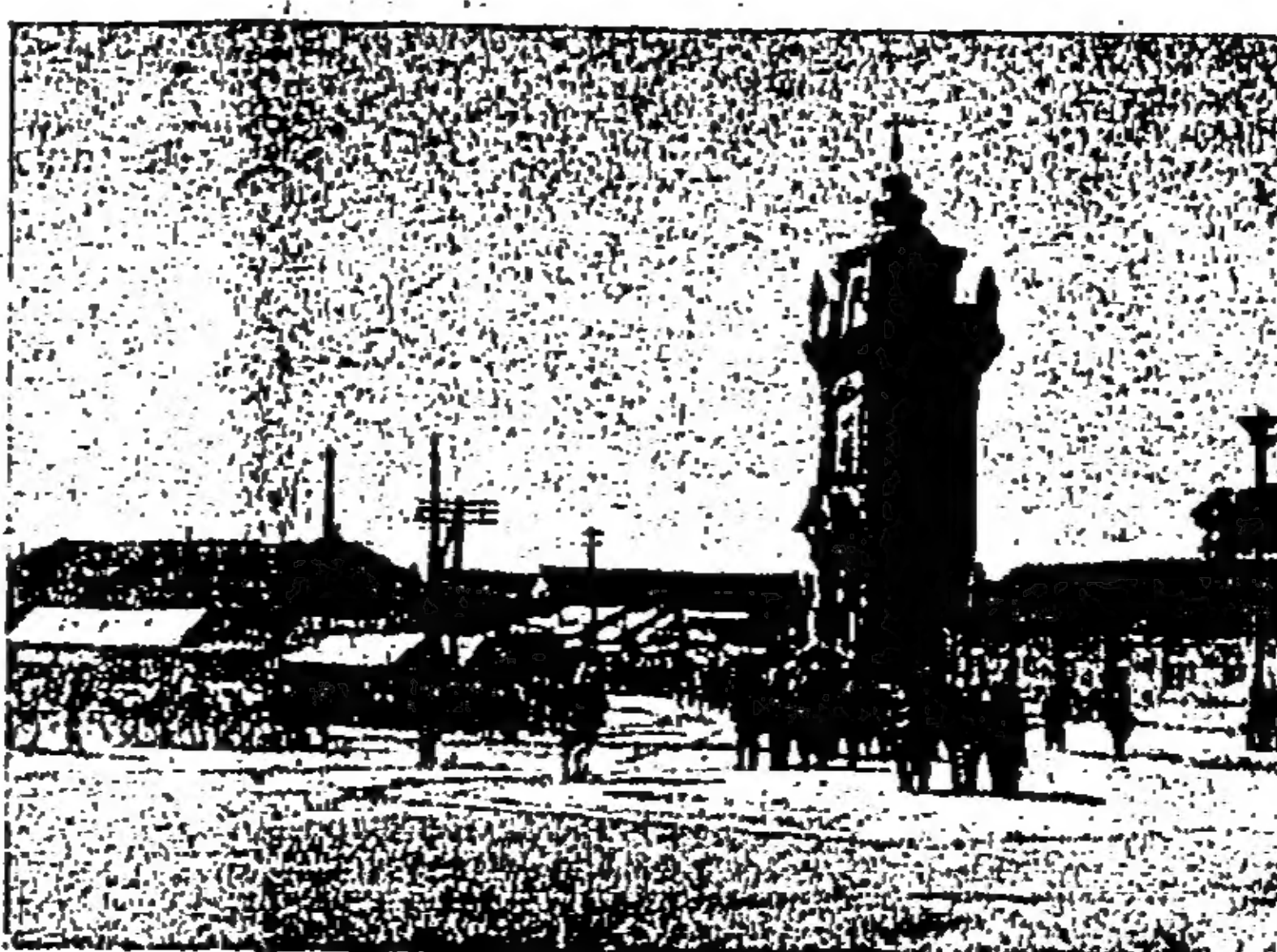
### CANADA'S PREMIER TO VISIT LONDON.

London, Nov. 19.  
The Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. R. B. Bennett, who is on a private visit to Europe will reach London to-morrow, and will be met by the Secretary for the Dominions (Mr. J. H. Thomas) and representatives of the Prime Minister and others.

Mr. Bennett is passing through London on his way to the South of France, where, for the benefit of his health, he will spend part of the winter.—British Wireless.

#### WEATHER REPORT.

The typhoon appears to be about 500 miles east of Legaspi moving W. or W.N.W. A new anticyclone has formed over S. E. Mongolia.



Our photo shows a column of Japanese troops occupying the capital of Kirin. With the seizure of Taitaihar yesterday, the principal cities of the Three Eastern Provinces are now in Japanese hands.

## BRITISH FOOTING IN INDIA.

### Designs of Indian Politicians.

### PLAIN SPEAKING BY LORD READING.

London, Nov. 19.

Discussion was continued at the Indian Round Table Federal Structure Committee to-day, on the safeguards which would be necessary in connexion with the scheme of a federation with responsibility at the centre. The session was also devoted to further speeches on the question of commercial discrimination.

Referring to the suggestion advanced by Mr. Jayakar that where a small company was trying to make its way against a powerful company, a special way would be found of dealing with the circumstances, Lord Reading said he hoped it would not be persisted in.

What some Indian politicians had in mind was that there might be discriminating administration, or legislation penalising powerful British concerns so that the Indian concerns might flourish.

He said he would oppose it root and branch and added: "Just as we here throw everything open—right of entry, right of trading, and all other advantages—so we claim exactly the same thing in India for the British."

The discussion on commercial discrimination will be concluded on Monday and the Committee will then take up the question of financial administration.

It is unlikely that a Plenary Session will be held before Friday next week at the earliest.—British Wireless.

## SILVER MARKET OUTLOOK.

### BRITISH GOVT. SELLING.

The London silver market was poorly supplied yesterday and forward prices advanced 1/8ths, on small China purchases in the absence of American selling. The spot price was unchanged, and the discount on forward dealings has been eliminated.

Silver, however, remains very weak, with the Manchurian situation an unsettling factor. The bull point position in America is very large and should American dealers take alarm there is bound to be a heavy slump in the price. Incidentally, there are reports that the British Government is beginning to unload silver on the London market and this policy, if pursued, will almost certainly depress the price.

The New York market firmed up a trifle and the official rate was 31 cents as against 30 1/2 cents on Wednesday.

Business was done in Hongkong to-day at 1 1/4% and 1s. 4 1/2/16ths, but uncertainty is still the dominant note. Shanghai did business at 1s. 9 1/2/8ths, and 1s. 9 7/16ths.

## DESTROYER GOES IN CHASE OF PIRATES.

### B. AND S. HANYANG ATTACKED OUT OF SHANGHAI.

### RAIDERS TAKE REFUGE ON NAMOA ISLAND.

Behind a brief message received this morning announcing that the B. & S. a.s. Hanyang had been pirated, lies a mystery as to how the perpetrators succeeded in boarding the vessel.

A ship that plies the China without a definite schedule, it carries no passengers, and the usual method of mingling with crowds on deck could not have been employed.

That they carried out their plans efficiently, however, is indicated by the text of the radio received by the agents and the naval authorities. There were no casualties, and after the pirates left the ship at Namoa Island early this morning, the vessel was able to continue its voyage to Amoy.

#### Captain's Message.

The Hanyang left Shanghai at daylight on Tuesday bound for Amoy, Hongkong and Canton. Nothing more was heard of her until this morning when the following message was received from the master, Capt. H. Harris-Walker:

"Have been pirated. Pirates left ship Namoa Island 5 a.m. Casualties nil. Preceding Amoy."

Immediately the naval authorities were informed, H.M.S. Sterling was despatched to Namoa Island to investigate.

#### Boarded at Shanghai.

The pirates, who probably secreted themselves on the ship in Shanghai, apparently made their appearance while the vessel was between Shanghai and Amoy. It is believed that, after taking control, they caused the ship to be taken past Amoy down to Namoa Island, which is just north of Swatow, and is a recognised haunt of pirates and after pillaging to their satisfaction, returned the Hanyang to her officers. There is no apparent damage or anything serious, in view of the captain's decision not to come on to Hongkong, but to proceed to Amoy. It is expected to arrive at that port to-night.

#### Many Theories.

There are many theories as to how the pirates came aboard the ship, but what exactly happened is not yet known. It is extremely unlikely that they went aboard as deck passengers, for the Hanyang is a steamer which runs on no specified route. It is not the custom of B. and S. boats to carry passengers without a guard, and had there been deck passengers at Shanghai wanting to come south, they would not have been taken on unless a guard was available, which is said to be unlikely. No definite word has been received from Shanghai as to whether passengers were carried.

Six Europeans Aboard. As far as is known the Hanyang was carrying only general merchandise, and nothing to attract pirates. The Europeans on board, in addition to Capt. Harris-Walker are Messrs. E. J. Hankin (chief officer), S. L. Garrett (second officer), A. M. McGregor (chief engineer), M. Scott (second) and C. H. Jones (third).

The Police state that the boat, although not strictly a passenger vessel, is permitted to carry a limited number. The attack occurred while the steamer was on its way from Shanghai, at a point about 120 miles out from the sailing port.

## Germany's Capacity

### MORATORIUM REQUEST.

Paris, Nov. 19.

After a conversation between M. Laval and the German Ambassador this afternoon, a Franco-German agreement was finally reached on the text of the letter which Germany is to send to the Bank of International Settlements at Basel, asking for the convocation of the Young Plan Consultative Committee on Germany's capacity to pay.

It is understood that the letter will be sent to Basel to-morrow, and published in Berlin.

According to *Le Temps*, the letter declares "The German Government, in good faith, has come to the conclusion that Germany's exchange position and economic situation might be seriously menaced by the partial or total transfer of the deferrable portion of the Young Plan annuity."—Reuter.

## THE DEAD MAN'S CHEST AND THE JOLLY ROGER.

### CAMPBELL'S NEW ADVENTURE

### PIRATE HOARD IN COCOS IS.

London, Nov. 19.  
Sir Malcolm Campbell's apparently insatiable quest for thrills and adventure has taken a new, and rather romantic line, and his plans for the immediate future read rather like the introduction to a work of fiction.

The world-famous racing motorist, holder of the land speed record of over 240 miles an hour, in company with four other well-known men, proposes to set off in January on a treasure hunt.

No secret is being made regarding their destination.

The expedition is bound for the Cocos Islands, in the Pacific Ocean to the south-west of Panama, in search of treasure said to have been hidden there by a famous pirate over a century ago.

The story of the existence of this pirate treasure has persisted, and the Campbell Party intend to thoroughly explore the islands for the hidden cache.

It is not supposed that they have any cryptographic diagrams of its whereabouts, but even in their absence, the expedition's plans have excited the liveliest interest.—British Wireless.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### "Outgoer" Explains.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Mr. Jessen has apparently taken offence at my quality comparison between German and British products in the special line to which I referred and with which I happen to be connected.

Though it was meant as inoffensive hyperbole, I readily admit and regret that I expressed myself in a way that now appears to me to have more than justified resentment, but I can assure Mr. Jessen that in the line to which I refer, Japan and, to some extent, Germany, have concentrated on minimum production cost with a sacrifice of quality while Britain continues to turn out the most reliable product obtainable, at a price that unfortunately prohibits successful competition abroad.

However, I have nothing but admiration for the German industrialist with his organising ability in capturing foreign markets. My statement was not an attack on German manufactures but a criticism of our own people in their demands upon the Home taxpayer for the protection of a Colony wherein other nations are able to undersell to the extent of almost eliminating British goods. A contribution in the press the other day to the effect that only 8% of all commodities bought and sold in Hongkong are of British origin shows how severely we suffer.

In concluding, I would like to emphasize, Mr. Editor, that I had no thought of provoking any international feeling by my jests, and unhesitatingly offer my apologies to Mr. Jessen and to anyone else who may happen to have taken offence in the manner in which I expressed myself. My interest lies entirely in economic and financial affairs and international co-operation will, in my opinion, ultimately prove to be the only real solution to the world's industrial troubles.

Yours, etc.,

[While not being responsible for the views of correspondents, the Editor wishes to associate himself with "Outgoer's" expression of regret. The passage was inadvertently allowed to appear owing to a natural desire to give the fullest freedom to an expression of opinion, and not, it need hardly be added, with any intention of causing offence.]



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Eulogistic speeches were made, referring to the Shanghai victory at cricket, at the Interport dinner at the Hongkong Hotel roof garden last night, and Mr. Donald Leach and his men were heartily congratulated on their splendid victory.

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock proposing the toast of the Shanghai and Hongkong teams said:

As President of the H. K. C. C. it is my privilege and very pleasant duty to-night to propose the toast of the Shanghai and Hongkong Interport teams. I do not intend to refer to the game itself as we shall hear all about that later from the respective captains, but I should like to congratulate Donald Leach and his merry men on their well deserved victory. In my humble opinion the better side won. It has been a great pleasure to all of us to have had the Shanghai side here during the last few days, and I hope you Donald Leach and your fellow conspirators have enjoyed your visit as much as we have enjoyed you here.

It was a great grief to me that I wasn't taking an active part in this Interport match. My old friend "Lobster" (E. B. Reed) I know feels the same about it, but it was our own fault, as we were on the Selection Committee and with a little persuasion might have worked it.

Missing Friends.

There are several friends I miss from the Shanghai side. First and foremost, Ivo Barrett—always a terror to the hearts of Hongkong bowlers—and Doc O'Hara—always a cheerful foe. I think "Tam" probably misses the Doc more than anyone else, especially at these Interport dinners. And then there is "Barney"—apart from his wicket-keeping and stubborn defence as a No. 11 batsman. We shall all of us who have known him previously miss that wonderful duet of his with Donald Leach, which for a long time past has been one of the star turns at these Interport dinners. It is good to see "Torrise" here again. I notice he still scowls at you when you are lucky to stop his best inswinger. And also that stalwart guardian of the peace, who once again has proved a thorn in our side.

As regards Hongkong, we are lucky in having "Tam" still taking a very active part in the game, and I hope he will keep it up till his son comes out here to carry on the family reputation. I hope the rest of the side won't think me ungenerous if I refer to only one other member namely "Acl." As a cricketer he never spares himself and puts every ounce of energy he has got into the game. For his side he is unbeatable and a splendid example to all young cricketers in the Colony.

I think I am right in saying that these Interport games between Hongkong and Shanghai have been going on for a period of 65 years, and I hope nothing will prevent their continuance. They can do nothing but good. Apart from other things they give us a chance of renewing old friendships and making new ones, and do a lot, I think, in a larger way to cement the friendship which should exist between British communities in the Far East.

I think most of you know how deeply interested I am in cricket, and how I love the game, and I hope all of you younger members of both sides will always maintain the best traditions of the game and see that it is kept as unspoiled as possible. The future of the game is in your hands.

Barrie's Tribute.

The name of "Barrie" has been brought prominently before us

during this week, in connexion with the excellent A. D. C. production at the Theatre. And before sitting down I should like to repeat to you the concluding remarks of Sir James Barrie's speech when he proposed the toast of cricket at a luncheon party given to the Australian XI on their arrival in London in 1926. I have referred to it on a previous occasion but there may be some of you who have not heard it or who had forgotten. It is so excellent I make no apology for referring to it again and I hope it will be taken to heart by all young cricketers. Sir James Barrie said: "Do not let us forget that the great glory of cricket does not lie in Test matches or county championships. It is to be found rather on our village greens, the very cradles of cricket. The very name Test match may in time be forgotten, but long after that I think your far off progeny will still hear the crack of the bat from those bumpy old village pitches. It has been said of the great armies of the dead marching always on their eternal journey that when they come to a county cricket field the Englishmen among them step out from the ranks for a moment to lean on the gate and smile. And for the Englishman how dreadful it would be if they had to rejoin their comrades feeling that we were no longer playing the game."

I should take this opportunity of thanking all those who have worked so hard on the arrangements in connexion with this Interport week. There is always a lot of work to be done and we are lucky in finding such willing helpers. It would seem invidious to mention any special names but I should like to thank Mr. Mitchell, our Acting Secretary, and Mr. Collis who in a quiet unobtrusive and efficient way has done a tremendous lot for us.

Gentlemen, I propose the toast of the Shanghai and Hongkong Interport Cricket teams.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Shanghai Captain's Reply.

Mr. D. W. Leach, captain of the Shanghai team, in replying to the toast proposed by the Chairman said:

This is rather a difficult occasion for the captain of the Shanghai team. On previous occasions we have been either defeated or have managed to draw. This time I had two speeches prepared, one for a draw and one for defeat (laughter), but now we have won, I am rather at a loss!

First of all, I must say how glad we are to come here once more and we must thank our hosts who have been more than over-powering, since the Interport any how (laughter). Coupled with the name of the hosts, I would like to thank the ladies of Hongkong who have been very charming to us and have made our stay very pleasant in every way.

We owe a great debt to Mr. Pearce for all he has done for us and Eric Mitchell has also done a lot for us. He did not find my lost blazer yet. (Laughter).

I suppose it is time I said something about the Interport match. It is rather difficult. I was not disappointed that I lost the toss because I am used to that. I lost the toss on twelve consecutive occasions before coming here and this was the thirteenth time. We arrived on the 13th of November but it seems to be quite a lucky day. I read in the Sunday papers what sounded like the Dempsey-Carpenter fight, when the Hongkong skipper said "We will win" and we said "We will win." I think our side seemed to be a little bit better balanced (loud laughter). If you will excuse me, Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Shanghai team for the way they have backed me up. They played as a team and they did not need any instructions. I really would like to thank them for the way they have played and especially "Torrise" Wilson who is getting zero and yellow. (Laughter). I would ask the Shanghai team to drink to the health of our hosts.

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Hongkong Captain Speaks.

Replying to the Chairman on behalf of the Hongkong team, Mr. T. E. Pearce thanked the visiting cricketers for the way they had responded to the toast of the president, despite the fact that the Hongkong team were not the heroes of the match.

"I hold the view," said Mr. Pearce, "and I am sure many of us who are keen cricketers will support that view, that the side we had to play against was a very well balanced side. They had the necessary spin bowlers, and despite what the newspaper critic had to say I don't think we can beat them nine times out of ten, even though the wicket should assist us. Inspired by captaincy played by that captain and supported by really very good fielding—I doubt very much whether you can see better fielding in the class of cricket we play—I agree with Mr. Hancock that the Shanghai team thoroughly deserve to win and I am sure nobody on my side will gainsay that fact."

"I am more than pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate the Shanghai side on their win. I am pleased to say I have played on the winning side more often than I have on the losing side and so I can afford to be just a little generous (laughter). I am not sorry that they won, because after all, what does it matter who won (hear, hear), so long as we play the game in the right spirit and uphold the traditions which this Interport week holds for Hongkong and Shanghai." (Hear, hear).

A "Swan Song?"

After paying a great tribute to the Shanghai bowling, Mr. Pearce (Continued on Page 11.)

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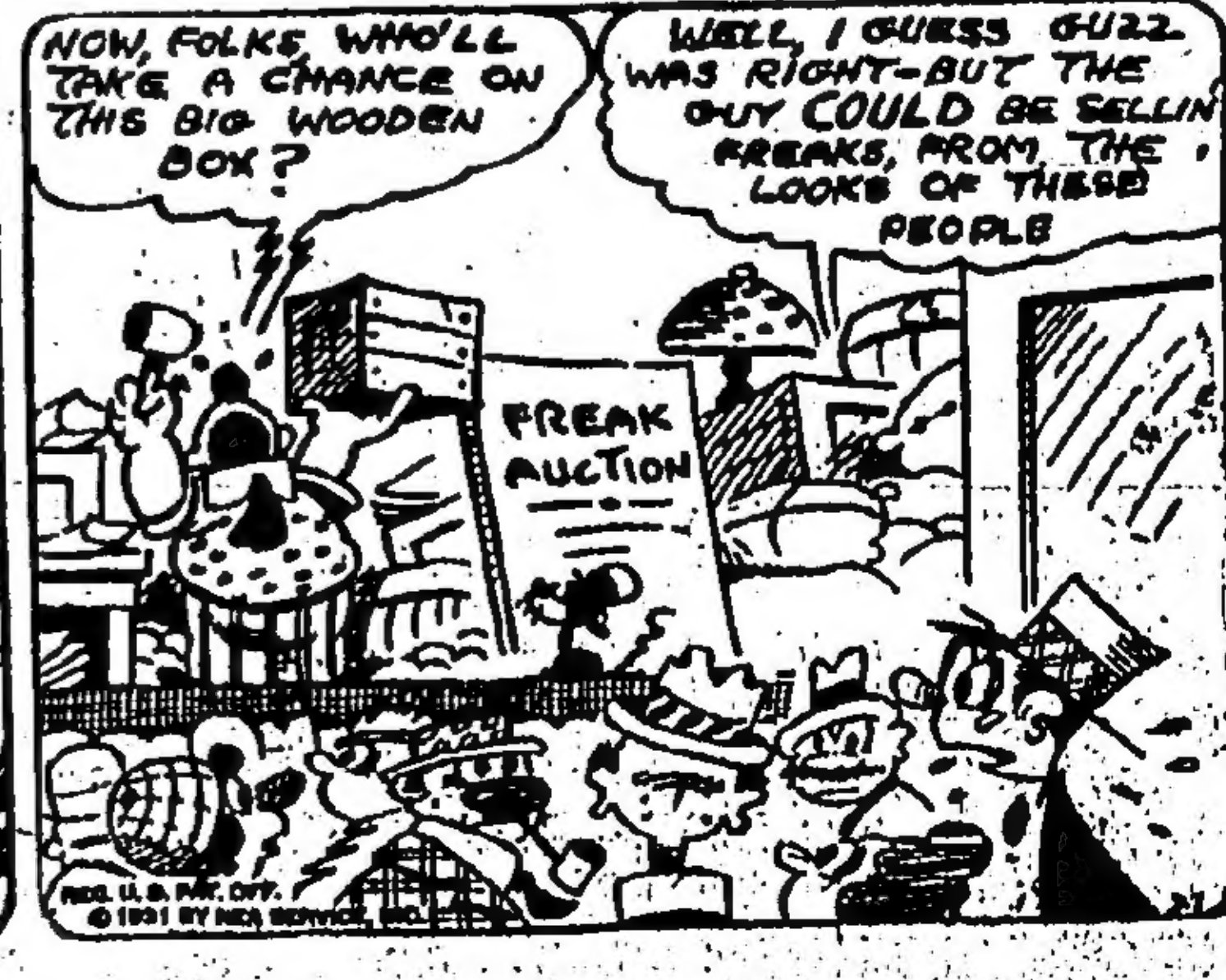
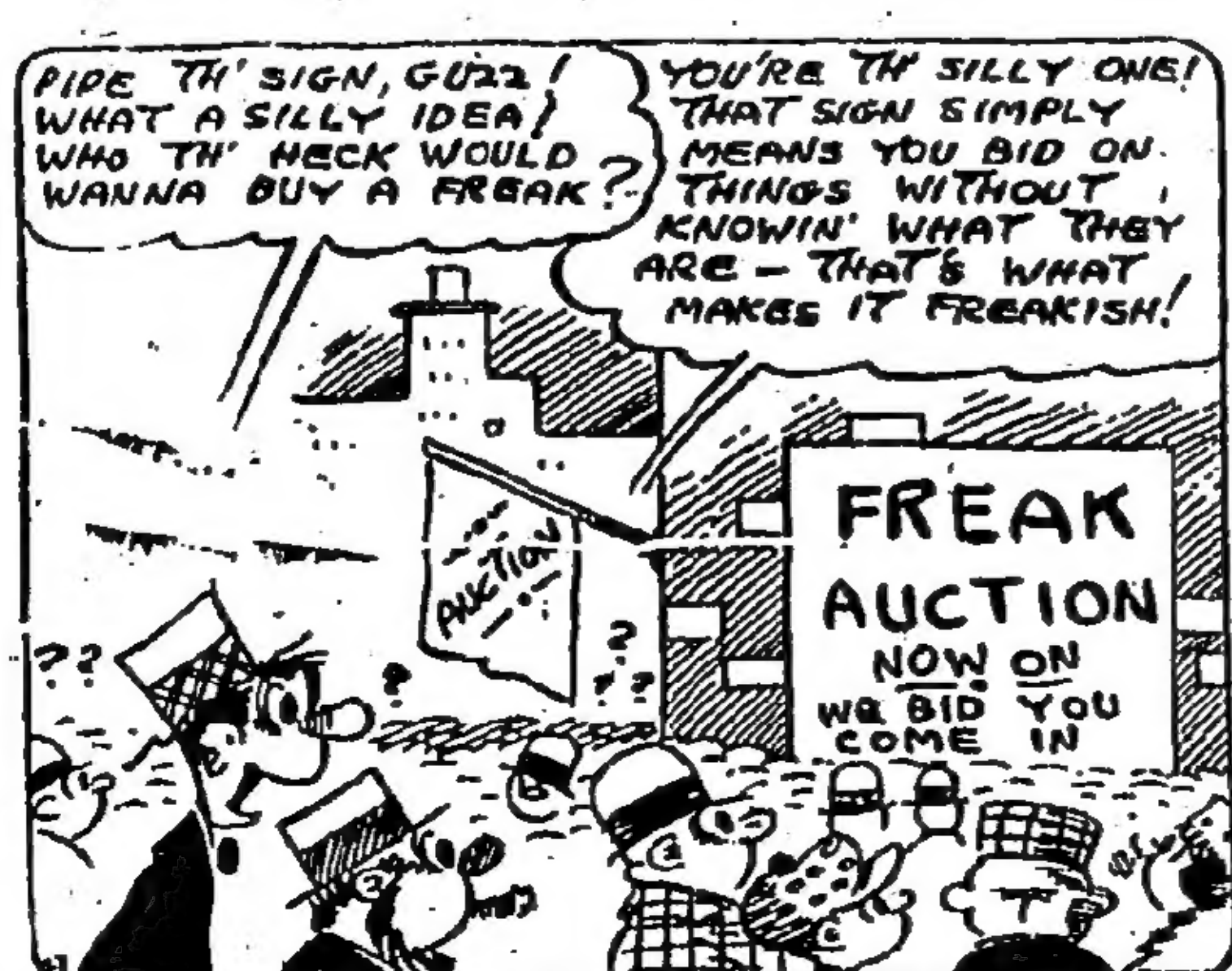
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## FAVOURITE WINS SHANGHAI NATIONAL.



Left Angus Ferguson on G on Dochart, being led in by Mr. W. N. Hickling and Miss Ada Law, after winning the Shanghai Grand National Steeplechase. Right: Don Rial, with Mr. A. F. Clark up, who ran second in the National, being led in by Mr. White. Bottom: Jack Tar ridden by Mr. A. M. Jensen taking the Grandstand jump the first time round.

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by LAURA LOU BROOKMAN Author of "MAD MARRIAGE"

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Pretty Norma, Kent, 20-year-old secretary, marries Mark Travers, son of E. M. Travers, millionaire real estate dealer. In spite of the father's threats to disinherit Mark, the young couple go to live in a fashionable New York apartment. After a few weeks, Norma, after two weeks' money is gone, partly due to Mark's gambling, she is frightened and runs away. The couple return to New York. Mark sets out on a round of pleasure seeking instead of hunting work. When their funds dwindle again he and Norma move to a cheap apartment.

Mark gets one job and loses it. Then he becomes a flowerwalker in Bloomsdale's department store. In spite of poverty the young couple are happy. After a few weeks, Mark's father sends for him, offers to take him back into his business organization if Mark will give up his bad habits. His first task involves a business trip to France. Norma is to remain at home. She is frightened and begs him not to go but in spite of her protests he departs.

Norma, treated badly at her father-in-law's home, slips away leaving no trace of her whereabouts. She takes a room in a cheap lodging house and telephones her former roommate, Chris Saunders. When Chris leaves the office in which she works Norma meets her.

### CHAPTER XXXII

Chris Saunders twisted the ring on her finger. It was an oddly engraved band set with jade. Chris always wore the ring. She had worn it ever since Norma had known her.

When she looked up all Chris said was, "Well—?"

"He—didn't say anything," Norma went on hurriedly. "Oh, it was terrible that first night when I knew he recognized me! I tried to tell Mark—I'd tried to tell him before but he wouldn't let me! Mark knows him, Chris. He and Stone are some sort of cousins. Mark didn't guess that I'd ever seen him before though."

The other girl straightened. Her eyes, meeting Norma's quite levelly, were a mask.

"Listen," Chris said, "you've done nothing to be ashamed of. If I were you I'd save my worrying until I had something to worry about. Something real! Don't lose your head, Norma. Tell me what you expect to do during the next four weeks?"

"I haven't thought it all out. I'll have to get a job somewhere I suppose. The money I have won't last. Anyhow I'd rather be doing something—"

Again Chris was absorbed in the ring. "I understand why you ran away last night," she said slowly. "but it might have been better if you'd stayed."

"Oh, I couldn't! Do you think I'd accept anything from people when I know they hate me? I just couldn't do it. Chris, Mark wouldn't want me to stay there if he knew. I made up my mind before he left that I wouldn't stay in that house. I couldn't tell him because he was counting on the trip so. If he'd known how I felt about it he wouldn't have gone. I wasn't willing to stand in Mark's way!"

"But don't you see, dear, running away like this is going to make trouble?"

Norma's chin lifted but her lips trembled. "I thought you'd be willing to help me, Chris," she said. "I didn't know you'd feel this way about it!"

"See here, infant, of course I want to help you! I'm just trying to think what's the best thing to do, that's all!"

"I won't go back to Mark's father's house. I tell you I won't!"

Chris sighed. "Well," she said, "that settles that!" As she said,

"I don't blame you much. If you won't go back I think you'd better go to work. Why didn't you come to my place last night instead of going to that rooming place?"

"You know you've no room now, Dorothy's with you."

"Always have room. We can double up."

"No. I don't want you to do that. You see things are different now. Chris, I've got to stand on my own feet. It helps to tell you about things, to talk them over and feel there's one person who understands. Oh, I don't know what I'd do without you! But I'm not going to be one more to impose on your generosity!"

"Silly! Why, that's ridiculous!"

"Maybe. Anyway, that's how I feel about it. This place I've moved to is all right. I'll want to see you often, Chris, but I've paid the rent for a week and I think I'll stay there."

"Suit yourself. I suppose you'll come to dinner some time?"

"Leave it to me. Tell me about Dorothy. What's she like?"

"Oh, Dorothy's all right. We don't put around the way you and I did but she's o. k. as a roommate. Say—Chris' dark eyes flashed with a sudden inspiration. "Why didn't I think of it? Why didn't I think—?"

"Think of what? What are you talking about?"

"A job for you! Don't know what it pays but it would be a lot better than nothing. Dorothy was telling me about it last night. A girl she knows who works for a literary agent on the same floor we're on is going to quit Saturday. Getting married. I don't even remember the girl's name, though I met her once. Lucille something-or-other. She was going to tell her boss about it today. It's ten to one they haven't hired anyone else yet."

"What's a literary agent? What kind of a job is it?"

"Oh, the job wouldn't be hard. Just regular secretarial work. Stuart is the man's name. Frederick Stuart. People who write articles for magazines and stories send them to him. He finds someone to buy them. Dorothy says he's one of the best in the city."

"Do you think he'd hire me?"

"Why not? You're a good secretary. Here—I tell you what I'll do! I'll get Dorothy to go in and see this girl in the morning and if nobody's taken the job I'll call you to come right down. How's that?"

"Fine. Say, that'll be great, Chris! I couldn't very well go to Brooks and Welliver and ask for a recommendation when I left them the way I did—"

"We'll get Lucille to recommend you personally. She'd do that for Dorothy, I'm sure."

Ten minutes later they left the restaurant. Each boarded a different street car. Chris urged Norma to spend the evening with her but the younger girl made excuses.

It was nearly eight o'clock when Norma unlocked the door of her newly rented room. The first flash of the electric light was startling. Everything looked strange and different. Shabby in the glow of yellow lamp light. She closed the door behind her and took off her hat.

Across the room, tacked to the faded wallpaper, Norma saw a calendar. She had not noticed it

earlier in the day. The calendar bore the name of a coal company printed in large lettering and beneath this the head of a flirtatious young woman dressed in red. The calendar had evidently been added to the room as a decoration. No one had bothered to remove the November sheet from the pad.

Swiftly Norma crossed the room and tore off the ante-dated leaf. Yesterday had been the second of December. She counted down four weeks. That brought her to the 30th. Four weeks—but it might be five! Painstakingly Norma drew a circle about the numeral 30. It occurred to her for the first time that Mark would be away on Christmas.

For a long time she sat and stared at the calendar. Then she arose, drew a large cross over the day that had just ended. There would be 27 more crosses to draw before she could hope to see Mark again. Twenty-seven more crosses!

From childhood and Sunday school Norma remembered a hymn about crosses. No, she told herself vehemently, it was not sacrilegious to think of such things! Every day away from Mark, every 24 hours represented by a cross upon her calendar, was a literal cross to be borne on her shoulders.

Oh, what good could telling herself to be brave do? What good could anything do?

Norma was 20 years old. She was very much in love, desperately unhappy and lonely. So, no might have been expected of any young girl in a similar situation, she cried herself to sleep.

Morning when it came was gray and dreary. A sunless December day threatening snow which did not fall. Norma did not go out for breakfast. She dallied through the routine of dressing, made her bed and rearranged a bureau drawer.

At 9:45 she was woken at the telephone. Chris' voice at the other end of the wire and brightly, "Everything's arranged. You're to come down as soon as you can and Dorothy'll take you to Mr. Stuart's office. How soon can you make it?"

"Half an hour, I guess. I'll start right away."

"Then step on it! The job's as good as yours now!"

Chris was a dear. "For her sake Norma tried to seem more enthusiastic than she felt riding downtown on the street car, later meeting the unknown Dorothy and being led by her to the unknown Frederick Stuart's office.

Half-way down the corridor Dorothy stopped. "Wait a minute!" she said abruptly. "You're not feeling so high this morning, are you? Need a little rouge. Here—let's see what we can do—"



Residents in the vicinity of this new branch library in Boston have protested against the "indecent" of the nude statue above the entrance. So Mayor James M. Curley has ordered that the statue be draped with a granite ribbon—at a cost of \$1000 to the city—for the sake of modesty.

They went into the wash room. From her own vanity case Dorothy produced rouge and a pinkish pad with which to apply it. Five minutes of arduous ministrations and Norma emerged, the colour in her cheeks notably brightening her appearance.

"It isn't too much," the other girl assured her. "The whole building has artificial light today."

The lettering on the frosted glass before them read, "Frederick J. Stuart, Author's Representative." Dorothy opened the door and they entered.

A slim girl, taller than Norma with ash blond hair, arose to meet them. "Hello," she smiled at Dorothy. "Is this Miss Travers?"

"Yes. And this is Miss Fenway, Miss Travers. She's come to see about the job."

"Of course, Mr. Stuart's in now. Shall I ask him if he can see you? I know it will be all right."

Norma said she would like the interview at once. The slim girl disappeared. She returned with a nod invited Norma to enter her employer's office.

Norma passed through the door marked "private." The man at the desk looked up. "Miss Travers?" he asked.

"Yes, sir. I understand you need a secretary and I've come to apply for the position."

Stuart straightened back. He was a dark man and he wore large, dark-rimmed spectacles. The hair over his temples was rather thin. He looked, Norma thought, exactly like any businessman and this was something of a surprise. Dimly she had envisaged a literary agent as a sort of poetic creature with wavy hair, Windsor tie and affected, slouching garments. Frederick J. Stuart looked essentially practical.

"Sit down, Miss Travers," he said. "Miss Fenway tells me



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By Order of the Board,

W. L. MCKENZIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th October, 1931

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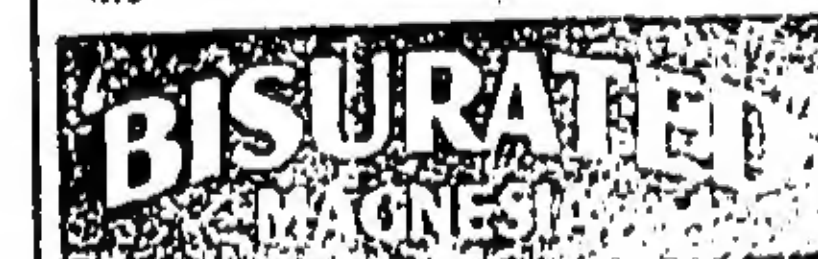
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## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

### OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

There is no change of any consequence in the market this morning, prices being well maintained on yesterday's level.

#### Sales.

Banks, \$1,575.  
Union, \$430.  
Rauhs, \$423.  
Providents (old), \$5.20.  
Hotels (old), \$15.15.  
Humphreys (old), \$13.  
H.K. Trans, \$21.  
Cements (combined), \$18.85.  
Ropes, \$17.  
Dairy Farms, \$28.60.

#### Buyers.

China Underwriters, \$4 1/2.  
Wharves, \$151.  
Providents (old), \$5.10.  
Providents (new), \$2.45.  
Hotels (old), \$15.  
Hotels (new), \$14 1/2.  
H.K. Lands, \$80.  
Humphreys (old), \$18.  
H.K. Realties, \$11 1/2.  
Ewon, \$15.20.  
Star Ferry, \$92.  
China Lights, \$27.  
H.K. Electrics, \$75 1/2.  
Telephones (part paid), \$26.  
H.K. Government Loan, \$2 1/2 premium.

#### Sellers.

Indo-Chinas, \$43.  
Rauhs, \$43.  
Venezuela Goldfields, \$2 1/2.  
Hotels (old), \$15.15.  
H.K. Realties, \$11 1/2.  
Constructions (new), \$2 1/2.

### SHARE PRICES.

#### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

#### Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$157 1/2 n.  
Chartered Bank, \$13 1/2 n.  
Mercantile A. and B., \$19 1/2 n.  
East Asia, \$12 1/2 n.

#### Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1,450 n.  
Union Ins., \$430 n.  
China Underwriters, \$4 1/2 n.  
China Fires, \$650 n.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,450 n.

#### Shipping.

Douglas, \$22 1/2 n.  
H.K. Steamboats, \$25 1/2 n.  
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$35 n.  
Union Waterboats, \$28 n.

#### Mining.

Bonquet, \$10 1/2 n.  
Kailans, \$11 1/2 n.  
Shal Explorations, \$12 n.  
Rauhs, \$13 n.

#### Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$151 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$114 n.  
South China Motors, \$10 n.  
Hongkows, \$120 n.  
New Engineers, \$15 n.  
Shanghai Docks, \$15 n.

#### Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$13.55 n.  
Shal Cotton, \$15 n.  
Zoon Sings, \$12 n.

#### Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. & S. Hotels (old), \$15 n.  
H.K. & S. Hotels (new), \$14 1/2 n.  
H.K. Lands, \$80 n.  
Shal Land, \$12 1/2 n.  
Humphreys, \$17 1/2 n.  
Realties, \$11 1/2 n.

#### Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$21 n.  
Peak Trans (old), \$14 1/2 n.  
Star Ferry, \$92 n.  
China Light, \$27 n.  
H. K. Electrics, \$75 1/2 n.  
Macao Electrics, \$23 n.  
Telephones, \$43 n.  
China Rues, \$17.90 n.  
Singapore Tractions, 4/- n.

#### Industrials.

China Sugars 50 cts. n.  
Malabone, \$39 n.  
Canton Ice, \$6.80 n.  
Cement (com.), \$19/80.90 n.  
Ropes, \$17 n.

#### Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28.60 n.  
Watson, \$15 n.  
Dor A Wings, \$1 n.  
Lane Crawfords, \$6.90 n.  
Mackintosh, \$19 n.  
Sinceros, \$15 1/2 n.  
Powells, \$3.60 n.

#### Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19 n.  
Constructions, (old) 6 1/4 n.  
B'que In. C. Bonds 60% n.

# WOMEN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## "EXERCISES."

### For Eye Beauty.

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#### Rejuvenate First.

For five minutes every day carry out this treatment. Wring out two pads of cotton wool in hot water containing a pinch of boracic powder. Renew two or three times. Smear an eye cream over the lids and a skin food below.

If the eyes are "screwed up" with strain and badly wrinkled around, try this treatment, using an eyebath first.

Take a herb pack, dip in boiling water, and place over the eyes immediately. Renew three times. Then use creams as before and rest in a dark room.

Here are some useful eye movements. Spread eye cream on the lids. Stroke gently from inner to outer corner. Stroke the upper eyelids gently in upward direction. Put skin food below the eyes in the direction of the nose.

Press the third and fourth fingers between the brows and stroke over the eyebrows towards the outer corners of the eyes.

Describe little circle over the outer corners of the eyes, using only the third finger.

All eye movements must be done so gently that they are the merest touch on the skin. Otherwise undue manipulation may stretch it.

Upward tilted lashes make the eyes look brighter because they reflect more light. Darkened lashes and lids show off their brightness perfectly.

## Evening Mode.



Pale green velvet embroidered georgette forms the foundation of this exquisite evening gown. It is accented with a bolero type jacquette of the same colour velvet.

## A Smart Style.



Two fine wool crepe, in the shade of green-grey which is modish at the moment, for a useful afternoon dress like this. And have the jabot collar in white crepe de chine edged with three rows of narrow black satin ribbon.

## FASHION NOTES.

### Smart Accessories.

The more original the colours, the more elaborate the fabric, the more distinguished will be your costume.

The halo-shaped coronets, one of the latest developments in modern jewellery, are still fashionable. They are seen in coloured synthetic stones, in crystal dew-drops, and in pearls. They somewhat resemble the Russian head-dresses which are so becoming to some women.

The three-cornered taffetas plaid scarf, which can be arranged in several different ways is the newest fashion item. These scarves are extremely smart and can be worn with tailored suits as well as with dresses.

#### Narrow Cuffs.

Small narrow cuffs, and a flower made of plaid taffetas, make a very smart trimming to plain dresses.

The very newest type of bodice has a draped scarf attached to it. This is the style that seems to be most popular in Paris at the moment.

Day-fracks of every description are provided with belts of some sort—usually the shiny leather variety—and evening dresses have belts or sashes.

Fashions are changing. We no longer admire round shoulders and flat chests. Women will not actually go back to the old boned corsets, but a great attempt is being made to regain a slender waistline.

Long skirts and short sleeves, high waists, and wide-brimmed hats, are all becoming to girls of about 18 or 19 years.

## Youthful; Sporty.



### Correct Make-Up.

Several curlers for the eyelashes are easy to manage and effective in use. They work on the principle of a pair of scissors, and require neither heat nor cosmetics. An eyelash-grower should be applied nightly to the roots.

Be sure that your eyelash colour is waterproof. Apply it with a tiny brush, tinting the lashes first in a downwards direction with the eyes half closed, and then upwards with the lids raised.

Shade the eyelids just above the lashes, lightening the tint towards the brows. If the eyes appear dark beneath, use a faint touch of rouge, and blend well into the powder on the upper cheeks.

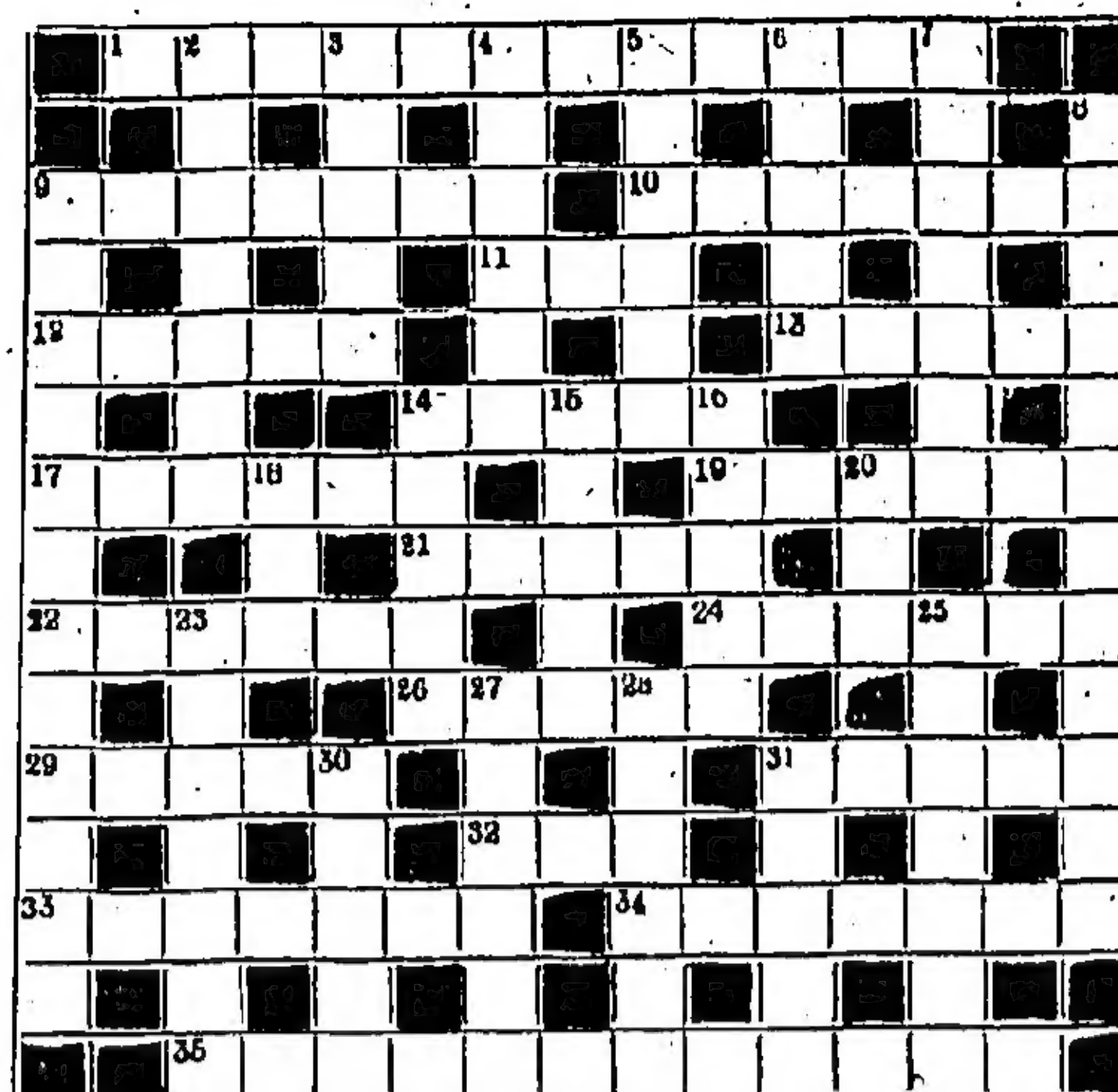
### Arched Eyebrows.

At last these are to be cultivated, after an era of straight, plucked lines. Brush them frequently to stimulate growth and circulation, and use tweezers to trim them. Extend them, if necessary, by means of an eyebrow pencil towards the temples. This will help to make the eyes more expressive.

Study your eyes in the mirror to make sure of their exact shade.

Then choose the tint of your eyelid make-up. Use blue for dark blue eyes; grey-blue for lighter ones; brown for brown; grey-brown for hazel; and black only for really dark, bright eyes.

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



### Across

- 1 "Ends act slick," and so, to bed (anag.).
- 9 A symbol which not only commands respect, but makes it.
- 10 Feet.
- 11 Hat this fellow is much disliked.
- 12 Nevertheless every man did do it to his tie on retiring.
- 13 A member of a mendicant order.
- 14 As it is it may grow into a tree, but split—nothing so lasting.
- 17 Steering through a difficult time, though rather short of news.
- 19 All is not gold that glitters.
- 21 The man with broad acres has many such crosses.
- 22 Manifest from Venice.
- 24 Due directly after the seventh.
- 26 This wine may be new, old or even older.
- 29 What may happen to the fighter after a 16.
- 31 Naaman's native country.
- 32 One must be short of tact to take such action.
- 33 They cling to Geisha girls.
- 34 Decidedly like opal.
- 35 Sylvester Sound was a famous one.

### Down

- 2 This is improved, but if I came first it would appear that I was finished.
- 3 Was foolishly fond.
- 4 "Met ice" (anag.).
- 5 Though delicate, it may carry a heavy load.
- 6 It will be all right to take the buff with this surly fellow.
- 7 Study it with spirit.
- 8 A street that supplies complete

### entertainment.

- 9 Fate's playthings.
- 14 You should hear the old hag reel off abuse (hidden).
- 15 Like the curate's egg.
- 16 A strong headwind.
- 18 Produced by electrolysis at the end of the season.
- 20 A juggins who may be full of beer.
- 23 This neck has never worn a collar.
- 25 Extravagant language in which a French King is involved.
- 27 City of Thibet.
- 28 Bury.
- 30 Cotton fabric that may be dug up.
- 31 A Scottish will in which everyone is represented.

### Yesterday's Solution.

M. S. UNCAPABLE  
ST. LOAM OROOKED  
N. M. L. M. O. B. H.  
NUMBER BALANCED  
T. H. E. V. A. I. O. T.  
O. E. R. A. L. T. E. X. T. B. O. O. K.  
A. H. L. S. W. I.  
S. Y. N. O. D. A. L. O. D. O. R. O. U. S.  
E. A. I. L. F. O. U. T.  
S. H. A. C. K. L. E. S. C. A. M. E. L. S.  
A. A. O. A. H. A. I. I.  
S. L. A. N. T. I. N. G. N. I. N. E. T. Y.  
B. E. L. I. E. V. E. N. T. L. L. Y.  
H. E. D. I. S. E. R. E. C. T. E.

### Yesterday's Solution.

"COME HITHER MINE FRIEND,  
SAID THE MONK, EYEING  
HIM KINDLY, BE A VERY  
GOOD BOY; STEP THROUGH  
THE FURZE BRAVELY,  
AND SEEK THE LOST  
RICHES."  
Ermine, monkey, beaver, zebra and ostrich are the five animals which were hidden in the above sentence.

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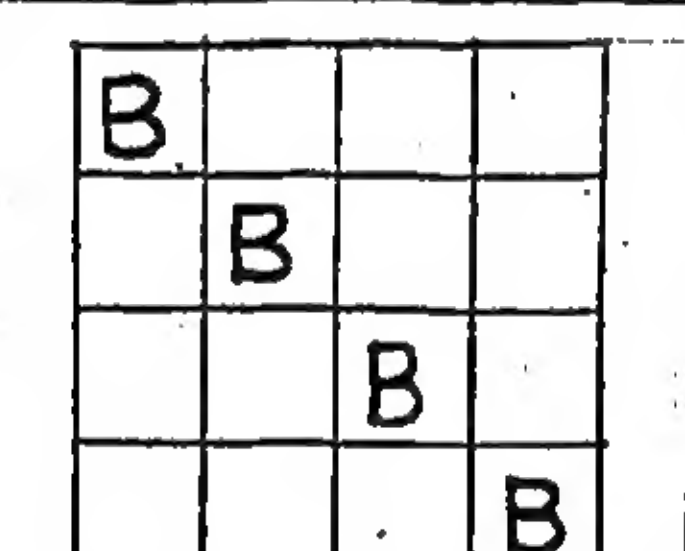
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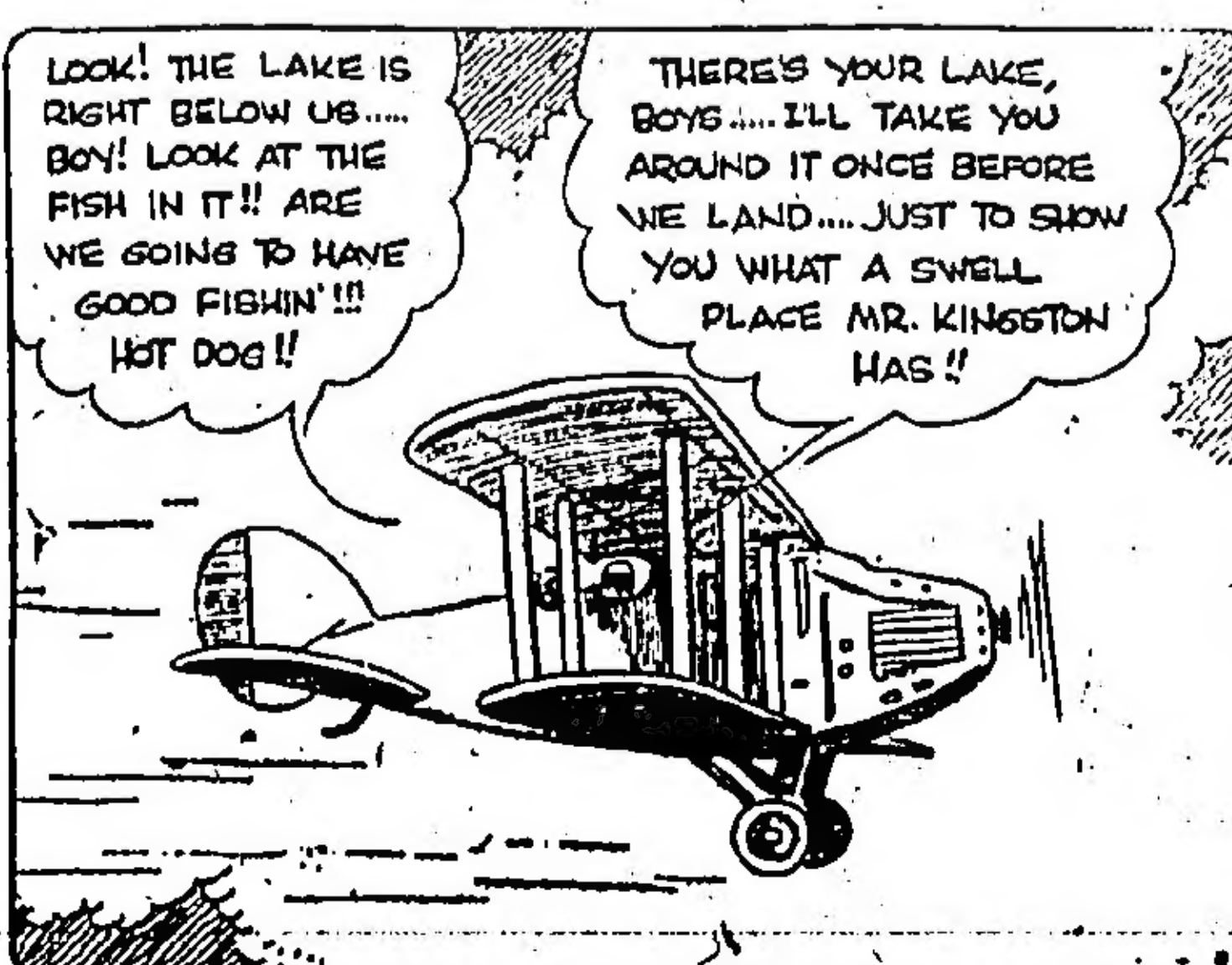
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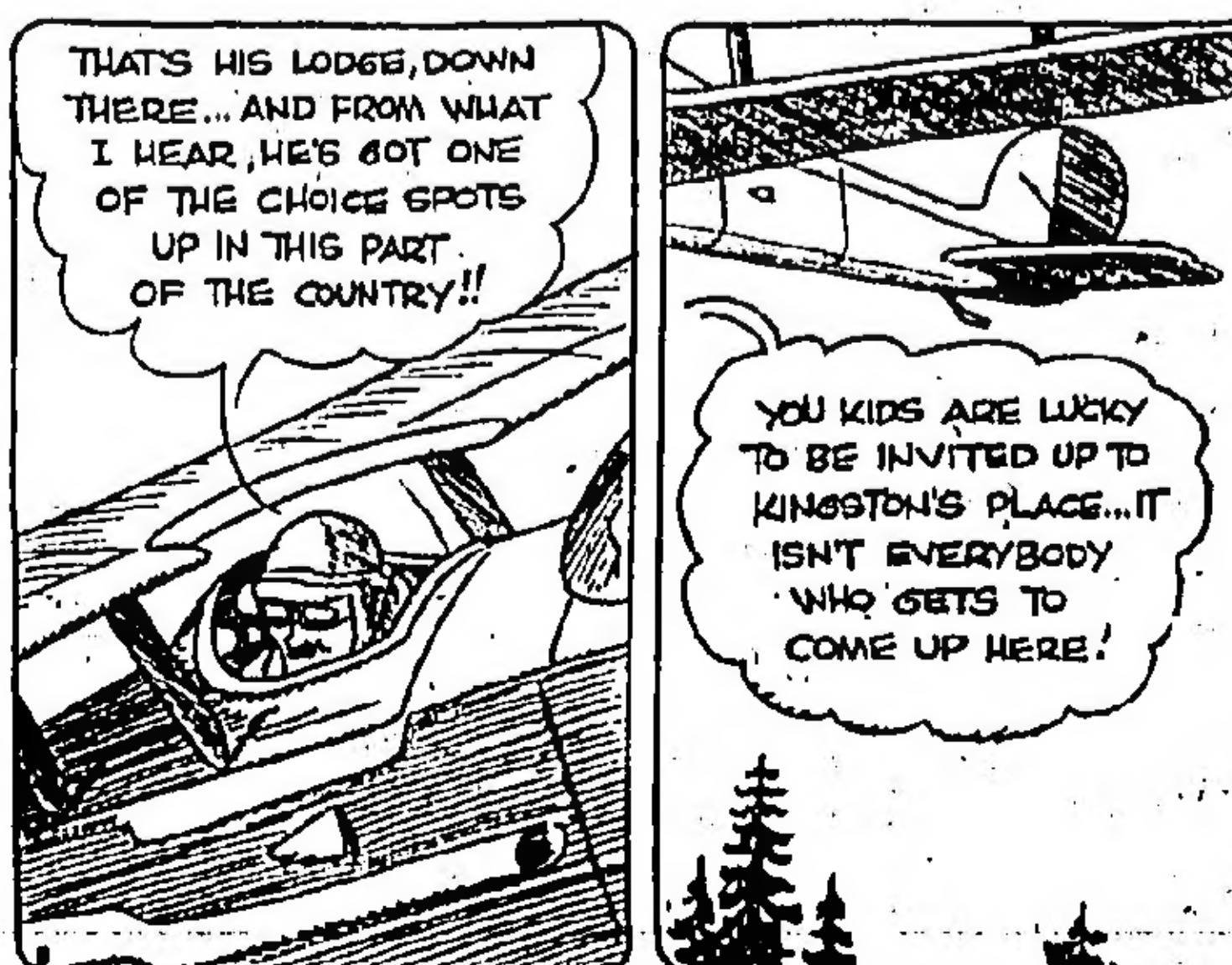
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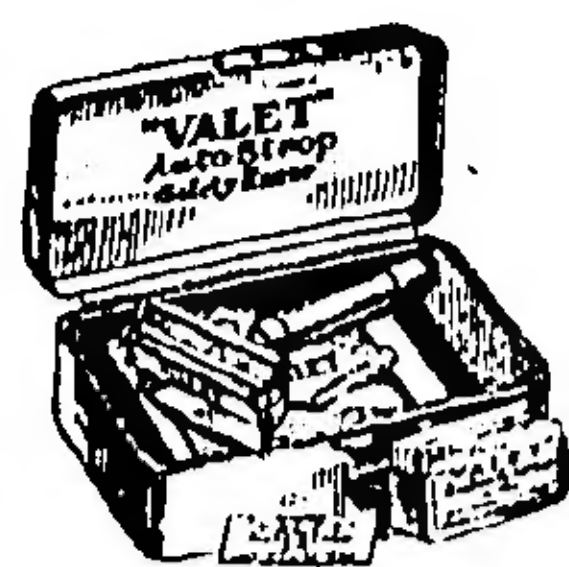
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**OBITUARY.**

JOHNSON.—The death occurred this morning at the Matilda Hospital of Mr. John Johnson, of the Talkoo Dockyard. The funeral will pass the Monument at 6.30 p.m. to-day.

**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1931.

**FALL IN THE DOLLAR.**

Speculators having judged the time ripe for profit-taking, the inherent weakness of silver—under present economic and financial conditions—is exerting itself and the dollar is on the downward trend. Temporary stimulation has been introduced, but in the long run a further effective decline, and it may be heavy, is regarded, in circles best able to assess the probabilities, as well-nigh certain. It is, indeed, a fact that the only real uncertainty in the markets in the past month has been regarding the exact moment at which the fall could be anticipated. Possibly the downward movement came prematurely, from the speculator's viewpoint; it is possible that Mr. Neville Chamberlain's refusal to initiate a world silver conference had something to do with the commencement of the selling wave, but whatever the cause, the Colony must expect the dollar to drop to a level well below prevailing rates. For many people this will undoubtedly prove a serious misfortune, but from one point of view we must regard the development with some satisfaction. The Report of the Currency Mission has been far more kindly received than it deserves. On the surface, things were looking a trifle brighter on the day of publication and the scrutiny of many residents was, we imagine, brief and uncritical. There was an inclination to believe that the conclusions regarding stabilisation had ceased to matter urgently. We ourselves have undergone an adjustment of attitude. Well prepared for the Mission's decision not to recommend stabilisation, we paid more attention to the proposals for the reform of the existing currency system, overlooking the fact that the real problem is still as vitally important to the community as ever it was. Whether the dollar is 1/- or 1s. 4d. or 1s. 6d. next week, the

problem remains; the uncertainty as to what will happen to our currency on the following week will still be an issue of serious moment to nine-tenths of the community. To stabilise or not to stabilise is still the question.

We need not go fully into the fallacies of the Currency Mission's Report, nor detail how the Members refer to the labouring Chinese, representing any seventy per cent. of the community, to the Government, the "firm" with the widest ramifications, to commercial employees, the bulk of the workers in the City, and to our struggling industries, and summarily dismiss their claims to consideration as worthless. Most of the necessary criticism on these lines has been done for us by a correspondent. As has been pointed out, the interests of the majority have been sacrificed and no really acceptable justification for this serious decision is discoverable. The clearest evasion of the Report concerns dollar-paid Europeans. There is a suggestion that employers have increased dollar salaries so as to compensate for the increased expenses incurred in making sterling remittances. But nothing is said about the tremendous increase in the cost of living and no reference is made to the hardship occasioned thereby. The grievance is not, of course, confined to Europeans. It affects, in some way or other, eighty per cent. of the community. A stabilised dollar would enable employers and employees to adjust matters. The rate of stabilisation would be, more or less, immaterial, provided a fixed rate existed as the basis of adjustment.

Perhaps we should sympathise with the Mission. They appear to have come here to discover a set of conditions unlike those of any country or community with which they had formerly been required to deal. And, we judge, the task proved too much for them. They were at the tender mercies of the large financial and bullion-broking interests. Instead of presenting the Colony with an experts' report, therefore, they have, on the face of it, endowed us with a local bankers' report, parrotwise.

**The Real Value of a Car.**

Whatever the pedestrian may have to say about the ever-increasing road traffic, the value of the motor vehicle to the busy city worker is undeniable. Though in Hongkong cars are used primarily to convey their owners to and from business, given a mild and sunny Sunday, the majority of them will get into their vehicles and spend a few hours driving either around the hills which border the Island, offering incomparable views, and exhilarating air, or on a pleasant little excursion through the New Territories. Generally these drives are aimless. They lead nowhere, and they usually represent no more planning than is implied in the remark "Let's go for a drive". But when you add them together they probably give the average motorist more enjoyment than anything else his car does for him. For they provide, in one way or another, the illusion of escape. For just a few hours they enable tired men and women to imagine that the city, with its monotonous jobs and close confinement, has somehow dissolved into the glories of the countryside. The world is getting thoroughly urbanized, and a great many people would not know how to act if they were forced to live on a farm. But we have, nevertheless, an inborn yearning for the open country, and a distrust of the cities, in which we make our homes, a feeling that man cannot be entirely healthy unless he can dip his soul into the open air now and then to look with feelings of joy on the groves of trees and the majesty of the wooded hills. This method of getting into the wide open spaces, has, of course, its drawbacks. It is incomparable to the benefits derived by the seeker after the uncontaminated atmosphere of the upper regions of the hills and upland country. But put to such a use, a car becomes a very valuable possession.

**DAY BY DAY**

THERE WILL BE MISTAKES IN DIVINITY WHILE MEN PREACH, AND ERRORS IN GOVERNMENTS WHILE MEN GOVERN.—Sir Dudley Carlton.

Two Chinese cases of diphtheria were reported to the M.O.H. yesterday.

Lance Sergeant H.N. Moran returned from Home leave yesterday by the P. & O. Corfu.

The Shanghai Interport cricket team sailed for the North aboard the Empress of Asia this morning.

Mr. F. Nish, of the Official Measurer's Office at Connaught Road Central, reports the theft from his office of a spy-glass, valued at \$50.

The man reported the other day as having been removed to hospital suffering from scalds from pot of boiling vinegar which upset, died yesterday.

Among the passengers for Shanghai aboard the R.M.S. Empress of Asia this morning were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker, Mr. J. Arnold and Mr. A. E. Silksone.

Yeung Yan, proprietor of the Yick Lee Timber Yard, has reported to the Police that a man whom he gave \$200 to buy empty oil drums from the A.P.C. has not fulfilled his mission and is missing.

Two Chinese were fined \$50 or one month at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser this morning for stealing away from Singapore on the B. I. boat Sirdhana. The prosecuting officer informed his Worship that the defendants were discovered in the No. 4 hatch, when the Sirdhana was about 24 hours out of Singapore.

"Brother, let there be good understanding between us. You know I am but finding my daily sustenance, an alleged hawk is said to have told a constable who arrested him for lacking a license yesterday. Mr. Williams, before whom the man was taken this morning, found there was no case and discharged the defendant.

**TWO DESTITUTE RUSSIANS.****NO LIKING FOR THE FIVE YEAR PLAN.**

For at least two Russians, George Ilkanovitch Verabieff (25) a mechanic, and Dmitry Kurantets (30) a clerk, the Five Year Plan of Soviet Russia has had no attraction.

Questioned by the Magistrate (Mr. Williams) at the Central Police Court this morning when charged with being in the Colony in a destitute condition, and without proper passports, they replied that they left Russia on account of the hardships they had to endure there. Then, working their way into China, they reached Canton and Hongkong and were waiting for an opportunity to go to Manila, where they had been informed, were many of their countrymen.

Asked how they proposed to carry out the trip in view of the fact that they had only eighty cents between them, the defendants said they had intended to stowaway.

Sergeant Mottram asked for a conviction, punishment and an order of expulsion.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$40, or in default, four weeks, to be followed by expulsion.



"When a man retires, he must find a new interest, so I got him to take the place of the steel mill."

**Two Rare Old Criers.**

By F. G. PRINCE-WHITE.

If you are one of those who believe in the vanishing of London's "old characters," you should venture as far beyond the sound of Bow Bells as Norbiton, which lies by Wimbledon.

There you will find, if you are as lucky as I was yesterday, a couple of rare old "criers" whose looks and talk will lure your thoughts back to days far more leisurely, far more picturesque than these.

They are Old Ben and Sophie Smith.

Ben, who is 78, may be said to have been born a crier of the "Oyez! Oyez!" order, for his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather went a crying with the clanging bell, before him. Sophie, his 75-years-old, but very sprightly spouse, has for nearly 40 years past cried her craft, which is that of a mender of cane chairs, and mats.

Down Wimbledon way and round about Kingston and Raynes Park everybody knows them, and the sound of Sophie's voice, especially, is as familiar as that of the invisible gentleman who so regularly says to us: "Good night, everybody—good night!"

Sophie's voice is as young as it was when she first went crying. "Chairs to mend, mats to mend" four decades ago. It is more sweetly bell-like than the sound of her own Ben's bell. People stop to listen to the melodious tones of it, and marvel that such youthful music should leap from an aged throat.

**The Song.**

Yesterday as she was mending a chair in her workshop (which is also her parlour) she cried for my benefit. "It goes like this," she said:

"Chairs to mend,  
Mats to mend—  
I'll make them like new.  
Ladies, it's true—  
Chairs to mend!"

"Do you like it, sir?" she asked, as a young girl might inquire. "Do I sing well?"

"The gentry," she went on, "often ask me to make my cry for their pleasure. Dearie me, they are all so nice to me that I'm beginning to get quite proud in my old age!" She laughed, and her bright old eyes grew brighter still, and her cheeks that are as ruddy as an apple crinkled into a thousand signs of her mirth.

Old Ben had been listening with honest pride. "She can cry, sir—oh!" he queried. "Why, I'd sooner hear hers than my own cry any day!"

"I've done a lot of crying in my time, sir. What have I cried? Why, anything and everything, as you might say. Mostly things that's lost or for sale, but that's not all, by a long chalk."

"Why, many's the time I've had to cry women down. Never heard a woman cry down, sir? I've cried down scores of 'em, and so did my father and my grandfather afore me."

**A Wife's Bills.**

"Yess, this is how it comes about. A man comes to me and says his wife's left him and is running up bills in his name. 'Cry

it about,' he says, 'that from today I shall not hold myself responsible for her debts.'

"And so out I goes with my bell, and cries the woman down, with 'Oyez! Oyez!—this is to give notice'—and so on. Bless you, it used to be a regular thing in the old days."

"And," he added, with a wink, "it was a paying business, for my fee for crying a woman down was never less than five shillings."

Ben told me some very droll stories of his trade. One of them was of what happened when, the other Christmas eve, he was asked to cry that a certain poultryer had many turkeys and geese for sale cheap.

"I cried that they were going at 8d. a pound," Ben narrated, "but it seemed that everybody mistook me, for a great crowd of people rushed down to the poultryer's place and clamoured for eightpenny kessels. There was such a crowd that the traffic was held up, and the public had a terrible job clearing the street! That was a go. Ha-ha-ha!"

**CAN STONES SPEAK?**

By LADY DEMETRIADI.

THERE are certain people who, gifted with the sense of psychometry, have only to hold an object in their hands to know most of its past history.

How can an inanimate object convey anything of its past? Do such objects absorb and then reflect the vibrations of former owners, and if so does this apply to grass and trees—for many people receive impressions of the past while standing on an open down or common?

A psychometrist known to me proved her talent to a sceptical acquaintance. She asked him if he knew the history of the ring he was wearing, and if so whether she might hold it and read its past, to which the owner of the ring agreed.

The ring looked like a family signet, handed down from father to son. After holding it for a few moments the psychometrist told the owner that it was given to him recently by a priest who was a Spaniard. All of which was true.

In a newly built London church there is a side-chapel in which worshippers complained of uncomfortable spirit influences. A psychometrist was asked to investigate. She sat there one morning and heard what she can only describe as a woman's voice saying that she had been hanged on that spot for a crime she had not committed. Her relations had emigrated to Australia to live down the shame. She gave her name and the date on which she was hanged.

Inquiries proved that the chapel stood on the site of a gibbet, and advertisements in Australian papers brought an answer from the woman's descendants.

Psychometry is in no way connected with spiritualism. I regard it as an additional sense and I lay no claim to it myself, yet at times I have a feeling of certainty about the history of buildings, and occasionally objects call up definite visions of the past.

There is in my garden a lion's head. It is Egyptian and exquisitely sculptured in granite. It was bought with other things at a sale. There were many suggestions as to how and where to place it in the garden. I felt convinced that it was made to be near water, and so it was fixed gazing over a small stream. By moonlight its black velvet shadow moves slowly with the ripples on the water. Watching it, I began to wonder, and wrote to the former owner. He replied that the lion was excavated at Karnak.

Since then I have been to Karnak. I was right about the water, but before going there I had pictured Egypt as a waterless desert. I had no idea of the importance of the Nile, and of the temples along the banks at Karnak. I knew nothing of the avenues leading from the river to the temples, avenues not of trees but of sculptured animals, some of which are terrifying some calm and sphinx-like.

What was it that convinced me that the lion was made to be near water? Nothing in his outward appearance suggested it, yet I was never more sure of anything. Now I know why he gazes so far away. The stream in my garden is not wide enough for him, and he seems to laugh at it as Neaman laughed at Jordan.



## CRAZE FOR SPEED DEBATED.

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

### CLASH OF VIEWS AT Y.M.C.A.

Providing one of the liveliest and most entertaining debates ever heard at the European Y.M.C.A., the members and friends of the Association last night discussed the motion "That the Craze for Speed is worth while." The motion was carried by a single vote, a tribute to the speakers on both sides.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Chairman of the Literary and Debating Society, under whose auspices the debate was held, presided, and the main speakers were Mr. S. A. Sweet and Mr. L. D. Skinner, proposer of the motion, and Mr. D. J. Crozier and Mr. J. J. Ferguson, leaders of the opposition.

Mr. Sweet, in proposing the motion, defined the word "craze" as distinct from that of "crazy." They had to discuss the craze for speed, not the antics of gentlemen with straws in their hair. If, by the phrase, "craze for speed," they meant the recklessness of some of our youthful motorists in thoroughfares like Nathan Road, then he would advise them to vote against the motion, and he would do likewise. Any craze which endangered the lives, liberty and digestion of other people was to be roundly condemned.

#### Speed Not Finite.

But speed was not a finite thing, like Scotch pie, or smoked haddock. If anyone mentioned that a certain person had a craze for smoked haddock, one would not ask "which smoked haddock?" One smoked haddock was very much the same as another. But one speed was not the same as the other. Speed may mean anything from the rate of motion of light, which, they were told, was 186,330 miles per second, to the rate of motion of the Y.M.C.A. lift. So they first had to define their terms. He would remind them that people with crazes were very often a perfect pest, but they did get things done.

When he referred to the craze for speed being worth while, he was referring to the intelligent, scientific, and courageous attempts to exceed existing speed records, whether on land, sea or in the air; whether in motor, flying, swimming, shorthand typing, etc.

#### Advantage of Speed.

The craze for speed has given the world the Rolls Royce and the Empress of Britain, the Flying Scotsman and the aeroplane, the taxi and the wall-walker, together with all the attendant advantages of quick transit, safety, economy, comfort and convenience. Though against that it might be argued that we had the clutter of the buses, the death roll of the streets, the tragedy of the R101, and the untimely death of a man such as Sir Henry Segrave, these tragedies were part of the price that had to be paid for progress.

#### A Natural Instinct.

The craze for speed was a natural instinct in man. It was exhibited by the Stone Age man, and it has been in evidence all through the ages. Through the craze, Columbus sailed to America and was probably neglected it ever since, while Raleigh sailed to the tobacco plantations and brought Gold Flake back with him.

The craze for speed has resulted in bigger, better and faster ships, and whereas until comparatively recently, a fellow going home from Hongkong for six months leaves, would take three months of awful travelling in a windjammer, to reach his home, allowing him just time to play for a cup of tea before embarking for the return journey, the trip now could, thanks to the craze for speed, be made in four weeks, or, if one went overland, in three weeks, while if one was a friend of Amy Johnson, in as many days.

#### The Other Side.

Mr. D. J. Crozier, leading the opposition, said the only justification for anything is that it is an improvement on what has gone before. Accepting, platonically, that the goal of all effort and activity is the betterment of humanity in regard to happiness, culture, health and intellect, and accepting that there are the real fundamentals, does progress depend on mere swiftness of movement?

Where was speed leading them? They did not know. The world was contracting tremendously by the aid of mechanical transit, wireless, etc., and, to apply a physical analogy, it was like something which heated, was cooling at a rate far more than normal. Could one find any "cracks" in this speed loving age to complete the analogy?

He asked his audience to consider whether the really stable elements of the world to-day were created of a sudden mad frenzy of excitement. Did the political structure of England rest on centuries of steady improvement in constitutional reform, or did it rest on the

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Car Hooting Nuisance.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir:—In your issue of November 9, you published an article headed "They sleep in Paris now", which to my mind "gave one furiously to think" whether some similar action could not be taken by the Police in Hongkong.

To use a technical term the Chinese "drive on the horn", that is, they use the horn almost incessantly, quite irrespective as to whether there is any visible obstruction, or any likelihood of one on the road or not.

Let me give a concrete instance. This morning at 4.15 a.m. being unable to sleep, I got up, and looking across the Cricket Ground from my verandah towards Garden Road, heard a car coming from the direction of Wanchai towards the City Hall, hooting all the way. Between the time when it became visible at the corner of the Naval Yard, opposite Murray Barracks, and the point it disappeared from view on Queen's Road, at the corner of the City Hall, it hooted nine times, yet not a single pedestrian or car came into view for the following seven minutes.

I spoke to a Traffic Inspector about this nuisance only the other day, but nothing has been done as far as I can see.

If the magistrates were to fine an offender \$5 per foot after midnight until, say, 5 a.m. instead of \$5 for each conviction, I think it would have the desired effect.

Thinking you, etc., and enclosing my card.

CLUBMAN.

freakish attempt of Cromwell to remould everything in a decade?

**Failure of Revolutions.**  
Napoleon set out to remake the map of Europe, and then it had to be done again. Russia, by the hand of Lenin set out to make a new heaven and a new earth in a few years, and only succeeded in making the other place!

Take social reforms. Had they come slowly, with their martyrs and their struggles, or had they come in the twinkling of an eye without long and careful premeditation? The answer was obvious. They had depended on their almost conservative movement.

The craze for speed in everything which so many had to-day, was just a reflection of their mental and moral outlook.

For just as surely as a nation reacts unfavourably to violent measures, so individuals would react in the same way to life which demanded that 48 hours should be lived in the space of 24.

He would also put it to them, what lies behind it all? Was this speed, such as Kaye Don capturing another record for England, a desire for increased utility, or just for glory. He was afraid that speed records such as those set by Kaye Don, the Schneider Cup teams, and Sir Henry Segrave, only produced a selfish desire to achieve something for one country, at the expense of another.

#### Very Slaves of Passion.

He contended that the machine age was showing the world only too surely that it was no longer master of itself, but the very slaves of passions which their mechanical products had brought with them. The same thing was reflected in games and sports and society.

To sum up he was of the opinion that speed was an opiate drugging the neurotic modern mind which craved for excitement. It worked in the same way as any other drug, in that ever increasing quantities of it was necessary to satisfy the craving. The end was the same: it was only a momentary panna.

Mr. D. L. Skinner, seconder of the motion showed his listeners how beneficial had the craze for speed been to posterity. They could not say that they would stand still and do nothing to prepare things for the future generations. If Isaac Newton, George Stevenson, Henry Ford and the great scientists of past generations had said that, the world would still be without its electric light, trains, and all the commodious and quick methods of transit.

#### Awful to Contemplate.

Mr. J. J. Ferguson emphasised the effect of the craze for speed on the body and minds of the people. He said it was making them neurotic, the slaves of pills, and was in danger of turning the whole world in a crowd of neurasthenic weaklings. We had to curb our desires for speed if that speed was to be useful. At the present time people were attempting to accomplish too much. They had too many interests and were consequently taxing their physical and mental powers to a breaking point. The effect upon the coming generations was too awful to consider.

The motion was afterwards thrown open to general discussion, and following upon summing up speeches by Mr. Sweet and Mr. Crozier, the motion was put to the audience and carried by one vote.

## ALLEGED PUSH BY TAILOR.

LEAVE TO APPEAL GRANTED.

### HEAVY PENALTY CRITICIZED.

Before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Mr. Horace Lo applied for leave to appeal in the case in which a Shanghai tailor, Kwong Mui-mul, was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour in addition to 12 strokes of the birch last week for assaulting Mrs. P. Hawes of Prince Edward Road.

When the case was heard last week, Mrs. Hawes testified that she brought a frock to defendant for alteration and agreed to pay \$1. When she went back for her frock, he asked for \$2.50, which she refused to pay. She paid \$1 and took her frock, and alleged that defendant pushed her.

Defendant denied having laid hands on Mr. Hawes. He stated that when she brought the frock to him she agreed to pay \$2.50, but later only gave him \$1.

The defendant was convicted and sentenced.

Mr. Lo, making his application, said that one of the parties in the case must have told an untruth and he submitted it was not his client. Even if his client was guilty of what was alleged against

### THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Varied Selection of Pictures.

Variety is the keynote of the illustrations in to-morrow's Art Supplement.

The weddings of prominent local people, some excellent views of the racing at the remodelled Kwai Tsing Course, pictures of interest to horticulturists, and the Armistice Day ceremony at the Cenotaph, are among the illustrations. The arrival of Mr. Eugene Chen and a large group of Canton delegates aboard the Empress of Asia are included among other pictures of topical interest.

him—pushing Mrs. Hawes—he was guilty of only petty assault, and he had never before come across a case in which anybody had been sent to prison with hard labour in addition to being whipped, without the option of a fine, for such an offence.

In convicting the defendant, said Mr. Lo, his Worship invoked the Emergency Regulations, and contended that but for these Regulations, defendant could not have received such a sentence. Mr. Lo, however, could not see what the Emergency Regulations had to do with the case.

Mr. Fraser said he was perfectly willing to grant Mr. Lo leave to appeal to a higher tribunal; as a matter of fact, he would be glad. In the interests of the defendant, however, had Mr. Lo considered the cost if the case was taken to the Court of Appeal. Would it not be better to settle the case in a lower Court.

Mr. Lo:—I have no further instructions, your Worship. I shall see my client about that.

Meanwhile, defendant was allowed bail in the sum of \$1,000.

### CHARIOT FIND AT POMPEII.

PERFECT SPECIMEN.

A Roman biga, or two-horse chariot, exactly as it was left in the year 79 has been found at Pompeii in the house of Menander, which has become a mine of antiquities buried at the time of the eruption of Vesuvius 1,850 years ago.

There can no longer be any question regarding the appearance of the Roman biga, its size and shape, after this discovery. It will be the only relic of its kind that has been unearthed, with its wheels, spokes, iron tyres, axle and curious high front board behind which the ordinary Roman or circus driver used to stand.

The biga is encrusted in the soil of Pompeii, formed of lava, pumice and clay, and it is due to this fact that it has been almost perfectly preserved for so many centuries. It will only be necessary carefully to remove the lava to renovate the ancient vehicle and transfer it as it is, entire, to the museum of Naples.

#### Wheel as Clue.

A wheel was found in the excavations around the Villa Menander last August, and the Director of the Naples museum concluded that where there is a wheel there may also be a wagon. He ordered the men to continue the excavations with a view to finding the car or chariot to which the wheel might have belonged, and instead they have found an entire biga, even

## RELIABILITY OF SOVIET BILLS.

BERLIN RUMOURS DENIED.

### LOSS CAUSED BY FALL OF STERLING.

Berlin, Oct. 21.

A report that the Soviet Union would ask for a moratorium in the form of a prolongation of credits for its imports was printed in the first edition of to-day's *Germania*, but was withdrawn in later editions after an emphatic denial. The incident has led to some discussion of the prospects of Soviet foreign trade and of the reliability of Soviet bills.

The Soviet Union owes German firms about 1,000,000,000 marks (£50,000,000 at par) of which 700,000,000 are guaranteed by the German Government. At present half the Soviet imports come from Germany. Only 40,000,000 marks fall due for payment in the last quarter of this year, but the quarterly payments then rise till they reach the figure of 165,000,000 marks in the fourth quarter of 1932.

So far there has never been delay in meeting a Soviet bill. The Soviet Government, excluded from the loan market, has been well aware that its entire credit rests upon paying its trading debts punctually. By doing so it has secured in succeeding contracts a gradual prolongation of its credit terms from the firms with which it has dealt.

#### Dumping Defected.

This has in course of time increasingly differentiated the balance of payments from the balance of trade, which was originally almost identical.

Soviet exports in the first half of 1930 amounted to 397,000,000 roubles, while imports amounted to 485,000,000 roubles. In the first half of 1931, however, exports only amounted to 309,000,000 roubles, while imports amounted to 461,000,000 roubles. The world depression has defeated all the efforts of the Soviet Government to force goods on to the foreign markets.

The fall of the pound has caused very considerable losses to the Soviet Government, since England was one of the best markets for Soviet exports, while her imports have come largely from America and Germany and have to be paid for in dollars and marks.

None the less the Soviet Government would be prepared to give still more orders to German firms if the firms could find credit institutions willing to discount any more bills, which at present they are unable to do.

In view of the importance to Moscow of maintaining her reputation for punctual payment and the relative smallness of the sums which fall due for payment here in the near future it is not thought that there is any serious cause for anxiety.

### LONDON'S HARDEST PARISH.

VICAR TO TAKE ON "TOUGH JOB."

St. James's Hatcham, S.E., described in the *News-Chronicle* as "London's hardest parish," has found a vicar.

The courageous man who has taken on the care of its thirty thousand souls is the Rev. John B. Cowell, of Beckenham, an ex-army chaplain.

Mr. Cowell said to the *News-Chronicle*: "I really know very little about the parish except what I saw in your paper this morning, but realise that it is a tough job. I know, however, that it is in 'excellent running order' and a lot of very live work has been done there in the past. I intend to tackle the job and try to keep up the high standard of the previous vicars."

Mr. Cowell served at Salonica and since the war has been attached to the headquarters of the Church Missionary Society.

The average population of London parishes is about 13,000.

### HONGKONG LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB.

There will be an Inter-club match at Sookunpoo on Saturday, 21st November at 3.30 p.m.

Teams are as follows:—  
Colours: E. Little, I. Butler, B. Franklin, E. O'Hagan, M. Hudson, M. White, J. McElroy, P. N. Harrop, E. Bonnar, E. Blackburn and A. G. Orme.

Whites: A. Nicol, C. M. Gray, J. Smalley, J. Whyte, M. Bird, M. Wallace, E. S. Laing, J. Dalziel, E. M. Donelan, C. Ferguson and R. King.

with the short whippetree in front.

The noble Romans, and especially the Patricians, were not supposed to drive a biga themselves, but they might have a slave to drive it while they sat on a stool or seat beside him. But Nero, the Emperor, had a craze for driving a biga and used to practise with one in his private circus on the Vatican plain.

## RADIO BROADCAST

### RELAY OF "DEAR BRUTUS" SECOND ACT.

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres to-day is:

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme.  
7.00-10.30 p.m. European programme of Victor and H. M. V. records.

10.30-11.15 p.m. (Approx.): Relay of "Dear Brutus."

7.00 p.m. Stock quotations and mail notices.  
7.03-7.45 p.m. Variety.  
Humorous Song-Over The Garden Wall.

Humorous Song—I'll Be Good Because of You.

Song-You Call It Madness. B3600.

Song-Sweet and Lovely.

Russ Columbo (Baritone). 22802.

Piano Solo-Scar Dance.

Piano Solo-The Flatterer.

Hans Barth. 20346.

Song-Blue Kentucky Moon.

Song-Love Letters in the Sand.

Gene Austin (Tenor). 22806.

Song-Always in Always.

Song-Beyond The Blue Horizon.

Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano). 22514.

Song-Guilty.

Song-I Don't Know.

Russ Columbo (Baritone). 22801.

8.00 p.m. (Local time and weather report).

7.45-8.22 p.m. Orchestral.

Dance Orchestra (Glasgow).

March of The Caucasian Chief (Ippolitow-Iwanow).

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra directed by Leopold Stokowski. 1835.

L'Apprentice Sorcier (Dukas).

Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini. 7021.

An American in Paris (G. Gershwin).

Victor Symphony Orchestra conducted by Nathaniel Shilkret. 38883, and 38964.

8.22-8.58 p.m. Instrumental.

Piano Solo-Ballade in G Minor (Chopin Op. 23).

Alfred Cortot. 6612.

Violin Solo-Blue Skies (Berlin).

Violin Solo-Dance of The Maidens (Friml-Kreislere).

Fritz Kreisler. 1233.

Piano Solo-Valze Oublee (Liszt).

Piano Solo-Capriccio in F Minor (Dohnanyi Op. 28 No. 6).

Vladimir Horowitz. 1455.

Flute Solo-Hungarian Pastoral Fantasia (Debussy).

John Amadio. 6095.

Piano Solo-Dances Exotique (Domeny).

Piano Solo-Paganini Etude in E Flat Major (Liszt-Busoni).

Vladimir Horowitz. 1408.

8.58-10.30 p.m.

The Entire Musical Numbers of "The Yeomen of the Guard" (Gilbert and Sullivan) Played by The Columbia Light Opera Orchestra and Chorus under the direction of R. D'Oyly Carte. 2149-2155.

10.30-11.15 p.m. (Approximately).

Relay of the 2nd. Act of "Dear Brutus" by kind permission of the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club (The 3rd. Act will be relayed to-morrow at 11.30 p.m.).

11.15 p.m. (Approx.): Rugby mid-day press news.

11.20 p.m. (Approx.): Close down.

The recorded music in the above European programmes is kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.

### 21 YEARS AGO.

#### SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended November 19th, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10. 7/16.

We hear that a project is on foot for the importation of a large number of up-to-date first class rickshaws, subject of course to the sanction of the Government being obtained for running the vehicles. The new rickshaws will be the best Tokyo pattern, with rubber wheels and all fittings necessary to make street travelling comfortable. There is no doubt there is a great deal of room for improvement in our present rickshaw service, which, despite nominal differences of grade, appears to be one class only.

A clear slate has been recorded with regard to the sanitary condition of the Colony. During the week there have been no cases of communicable diseases, which fact is intensely gratifying.

It is believed that the wireless station which has been put up in Hongkong will be available for commercial purposes, except in the event of war, when it will be cut off from the public entirely, and connected only with the naval officer in command.

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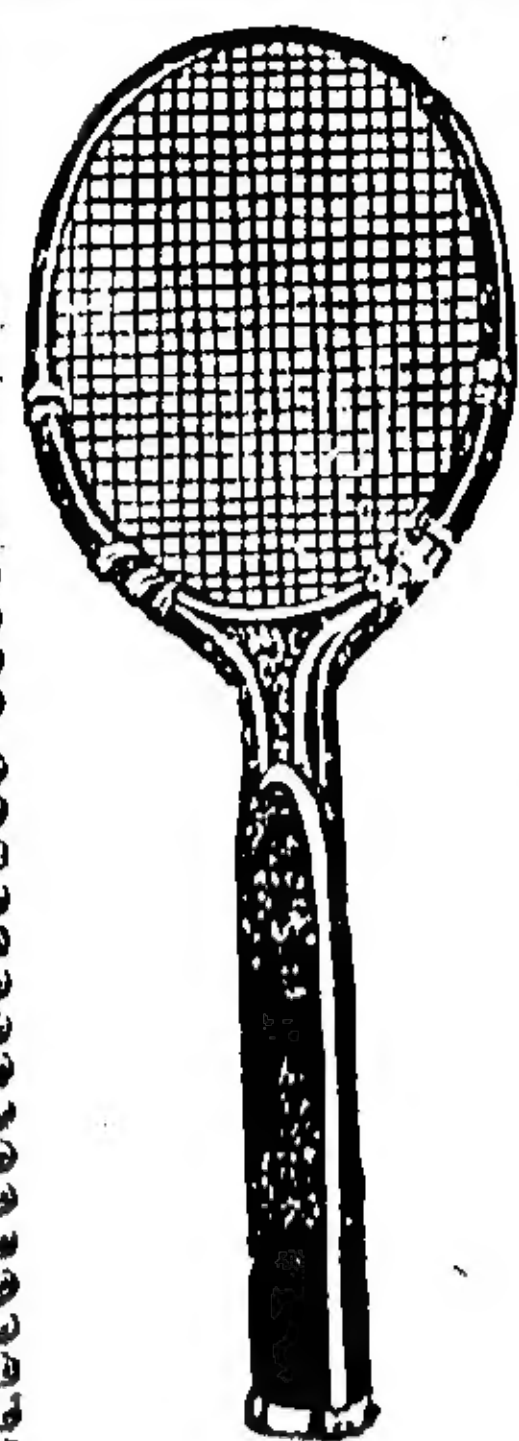
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## THE LAI WAH CUP CONTEST.

**CIVILIANS & NAVY  
MEET TO-MORROW.**

### KOWLOON VENUE.

The chief attraction in to-  
morrow's local soccer is the meet-  
ing of the Civilians and the Navy  
in the first stage of the Lai Wah  
Cup competition.  
The match is scheduled to  
start at 4 o'clock sharp and the  
venue is the Kowloon Football  
Club ground, Chatham Road.  
The Civilians are well repre-  
sented, while as they have already  
evidenced this season, the Navy  
are in the position of putting a  
very useful team into the field.  
The match is bound to attract a  
large attendance, with the result  
probably in favour of the  
civilians.

The Civilian team will be:—  
G. Rodger, Martin, S. Strange, G.  
Hedley, J. McKelvie (Capt.), S.  
Bliss, B. Gosano, Seaglan, How-  
A. V. Gosano and C. Pike.  
Reserves:—Brittain, Skinner,  
Moses and D. Leonard.  
While shirts will be provided  
on the ground.  
Referee:—Scrip, G. Caswell,  
R.A. Lhameson, P. O. Cook, H. M.  
S. Cumberland, and Mr. J. W.  
Baldwin.

### The League.

There are no fixtures in the  
Senior Division of the League,  
but in the Second and Third  
Divisions, the usual programme  
is arranged. The matches for  
decision are:

### Division 2.

Navy v. Kowloon, Kowloon, K.O.  
2.30 p.m. sharp.  
Club v. Argyle, Club, K.O. 2.45  
p.m.  
R.A.O.C. v. S.W.B., Sookumpoo,  
K.O. 2.45 p.m.

### Division 3.

Recreio v. R.A.F., Recrio, K.O.,  
2.45 p.m.  
R.E. v. Radio, St. Joseph's, K.O.  
2.45 p.m.  
S.W.B. v. St. Joseph's, Chatham  
Road, K.O. 4.15 p.m.

The following will represent the  
Club second eleven against the  
Argyle in the Hongkong League on  
Saturday, at the Club ground, kick  
off at 2.45 p.m.:  
Fogwell, Krijevsky, Potouloff, Rail-  
ton, Panchon, Sloan, Bradbury, Dun-  
can, Reid, Tavlin, Smith. Reserves:—  
Hooper and Farrow.

## SHANGHAI TEAM DRAW AGAIN.

**MATCH WITH THE K.C.C.  
LEFT UNDECIDED.**

The thirteen Shanghai interpro-  
vincial cricket team were all given a game  
when the visitors were entertained by  
the Kowloon Cricket Club to an all-  
day match yesterday. The Northerners  
knocked up a total of 216 runs for  
their twelve wickets, while Kowloon  
put up 137 runs for five wickets when  
stumps were drawn.

The full scores were as follow:  
Shanghai.  
C. J. Merritt, b. Lynn ..... 23  
S. R. Kermani, c. Hung, b. Goodwin ..... 35  
A. J. Burton, c. Mackay, b. Smith ..... 20  
D. W. Leach, c. and b. Goodwin ..... 11  
H. A. Coward, c. Lawrence, b. Bur-  
nett ..... 2  
R. Booth, c. Mackay, b. Hung ..... 9  
P. Madar, c. Lawrence, b. Burnett ..... 8  
D. V. Murray, b. Skinner ..... 21  
J. A. Isaacs, c. Skinner, b. Burnett ..... 23  
H. J. M. Cook, b. Goodwin ..... 49  
W. B. Wilson, b. Burnett ..... 3  
R. S. Elliott, c. and b. Goodwin ..... 20  
P. V. Simpson, not out ..... 17  
Extras ..... 17  
Total ..... 216

### Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	17	2	60	4
Burnett	15	3	42	1
Zimmerman	8	2	23	1
Hung	3	1	11	1
Smith	3	1	1	1
Skinner	1	1	1	1

### Kowloon C.C.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. E. Lawrence, b. Isaacs	5	2	15	1
N. A. E. Mackay, b. Madar	21	1	42	1
E. F. Fincher, c. and b. Madar	16	1	11	1
P. Zimmerman, b. Madar	0	1	11	1
E. C. Fincher, not out	40	1	11	1
S. V. Gittins, b. Booth	40	1	11	1
W. C. Hung, not out	12	1	11	1
Extras	12	1	11	1
Total (for 5 wks.)	187	1	11	1

F. E. Skinner, J. C. Lynn, P. S. W.  
Smith, F. Goodwin and G. C. Burnett  
did not bat.

### Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	8	2	15	1
Isaacs	6	2	9	1
Elliott	3	1	11	1
Madar	7	3	25	3
Leach	7	3	8	1
Merritt	4	1	25	1
Murray	2	1	12	1
Cook	1	1	11	1
Barson	2	1	4	1
Booth	1	1	7	1
Simpson	1	1	3	1

The following will represent the  
Kowloon Football Club Second  
Eleven versus the Navy on the  
K.F.C. Ground on Saturday 2st  
Inst.: Kick off at 2.30 p.m.—  
Gurevitch, Wells, London, Everest,  
I. Greenberg, Williams, Simpson,  
White, Nicholls, Cotton, Bickford.

## FANLING GOLF.

### CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

The qualifying rounds for the  
Championship of the Colony and the  
Jasper Clark Cup are to be played at  
Fanling golf-course on Sunday.

The starting times follow:  
9.25 B. D. Evans, A. E. Lissaman.  
9.30 E. D. da Rosa, W. C. Shields.  
9.35 A. Leach, C. E. Holmes.  
9.40 A. C. I. Bowker, I. W. Shewan.  
9.45 W. D. Denham, G. H. Russell.  
9.50 H. U. Ireland, W. R. Vallance.  
9.55 T. Newson, A. T. Braloy.  
10.00 L. G. S. Dodwell, J. W. Franks.  
10.05 H. G. Sheldon, E. P. White.  
10.10 C. B. Johnson, K. S. Robertson.  
10.15 A. Sommerfeld, F. E. Booker.  
10.20 L. H. Ruffin, D. C. Wilson.  
10.25 D. M. MacDougall, A. B.  
Stewart.

10.30 J. K. MacFarlane, W. Mulcahy.  
10.35 J. A. R. Selby, C. C. Stark.  
10.40 D. J. Gilmore, A. W. da Rosa.  
10.45 F. Syme, Thomson, W. Taylor.  
10.50 J. S. McLaren, A. D. Hum-  
phreys.  
10.55 I. H. Geare, G. W. F. Booker.  
11.00 A. H. Mussen, E. O. Priestley.  
11.05 J. D. Thomson, D. G. Bruce.  
11.10 C. B. Lane, G. R. Horridge.  
11.15 A. O. Brown, F. A. Redmond.  
11.20 G. W. Sewell, F. J. de Rome.  
11.25 J. H. Anderson, A. B. Purves.  
11.30 A. B. Raworth, R. K. Hepburn.  
11.35 T. D. E. Pendered, A. A. Lopez.  
11.40 H. A. Campbell, F. A. Merry.  
11.45 S. J. H. Fox, A. E. Chauman.  
11.50 J. E. H. Cogan, F. E. A.  
Remedios.

### Other Matches.

11.52 K. K. Rounds, H. Lowe.  
11.55 J. Mandracchia, R. A. Rodgers.  
12.00 F. H. Grapnell, P. S. Grant.  
12.04 G. F. Hole, J. B. Lanyon.  
12.08 R. Sandstrom, H. W.  
Dukes.  
12.12 Major Roche Kelly, G. H. Wil-  
son.  
12.16 N. R. Ellis, T. R. Chassells.  
12.20 J. P. Sherry, W. A. Cornell.  
12.24 D. Forbes, C. Mycock.

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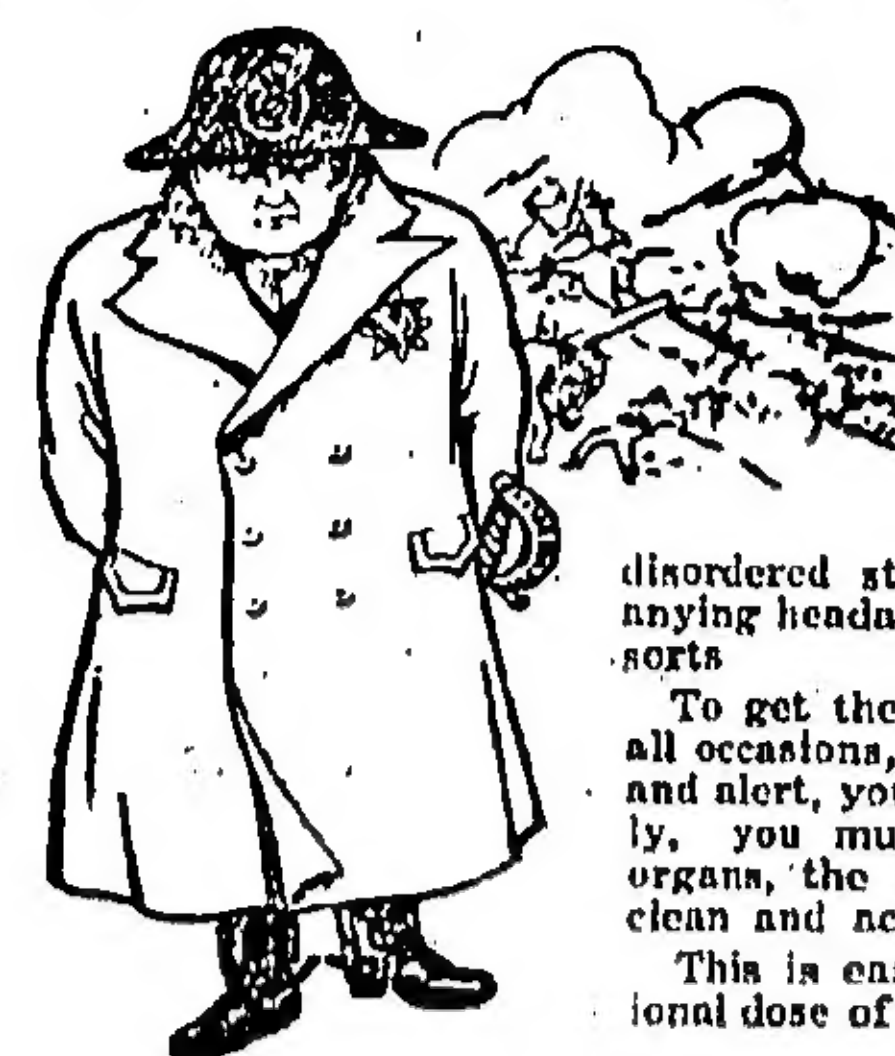
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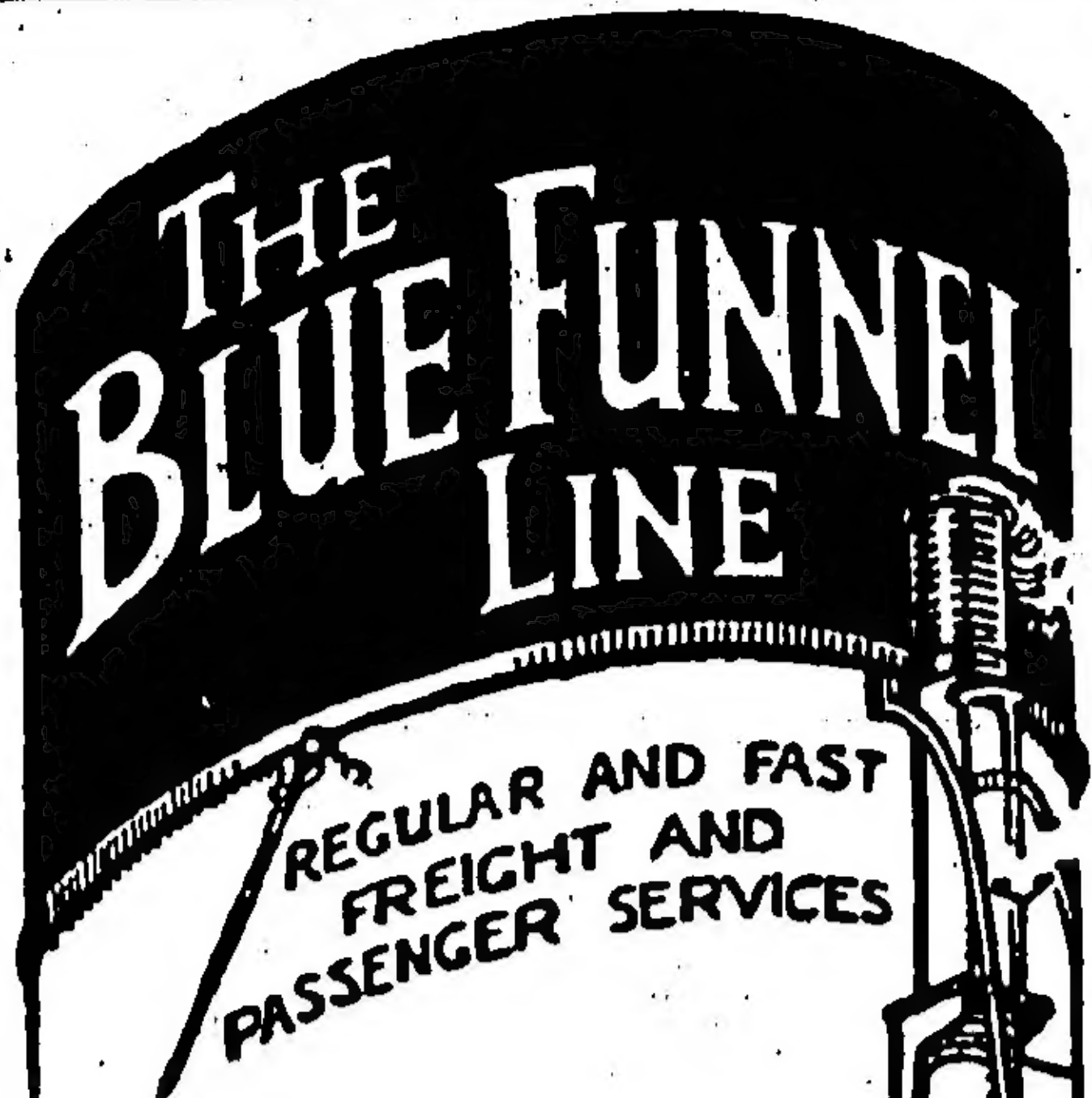
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## THE VOLUNTEERS.

## CORPS ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 48/31.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding: Hongkong, Nov. 19.

Parade.

(a) Battery.—The Battery will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Thursday, the 26th. Instant.

(b) Engineer Company.—1. Monday, November 23rd. Miniature Range, Headquarters 5.30 p.m.

2. Tuesday, November 24th. Launch for Pakahawan leaves Police Pier, Kowloon at 5.40 p.m. Members attending Artillery Shoot please note.

3. Thursday, November 26th. There will be no D.L. instruction at Wellington Barracks on this date.

4. Friday, November 27th. The Company will proceed to Camp at Pakahawan. Parade at Queen's Pier 6 p.m. Dress:—Jackets, slacks, S. caps, belt, sidearms and haversacks. Rifle and Greentents will be carried. Extra baggage must be at Headquarters before 12 mid-day. Return about 9 p.m. Sunday. All ranks are warned that cameras must not be taken into the W.I. Area.

5. Monday, November 30th. Miniature Range, Headquarters 5.30 p.m.

6. Sunday, December 13th. Company Shoot, Peak Range.

7. Sunday, December 20th. Clouston, Part II Stonecutters.

(c) Scottish Company.—1. The Company will proceed to Camp on Friday, the 20th. Instant.

Dress:—As stated in Corps Circular No. 141/31.

Special Notes:—1. Kilt will be worn whilst proceeding to and from Camp, but Shorts will be worn during training in Camp.

2. The Company will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 26th. Instant, for Squad Drill with Arms under 2nd Lieut. A. W. Brown.

Belt and Rayonet must be worn.

3. Church Parade. The annual Church Parade will take place on Sunday, the 29th. Instant, and it is requested that all members will make every endeavour to attend.

Details regarding Dress, etc. will be issued later.

(d) The Officers Commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their Commands:

1. Corps Band

II. Corps Signals

III. Machine Gun Troop

IV. Armoured Car Coy., Motor Cycle Section

V. Machine Gun Company

VI. Portuguese Company.

Attachment.

2nd. Lieut. N. S. Ellis, Royal Signals, (T. A. Res. O.) is attached to The H.K.V.D. Corps (Corps Signals) with effect from 19th. October

Authority:—C.R.C.C. No. 8102/G.

Promotions and Appointments.

A Commission as Lieutenant in the Medical Section of the Corps has been granted to John Alexander Robertson Schuy, Esquire, M.B., B.Ch. (Edin.) by His Excellency the Governor with effect from 3rd. November, 1931.

Authority:—C.S.O. 2 in 198/1931.

The following promotions and appointments in the Portuguese Company have been made to take effect from 19th. instant:

No. 9 Platoon.

No. 1221 L/Cpl. J. P. Baleros to Corporal

No. 1448 Pte. F. F. Cruz to Lance Corporal

No. 1468 Pte. W. Laurence to Lance Corporal

No. 1500 Pte. M. M. Soares to Lance Corporal

No. 10 Platoon.

No. 1601 Pte. L. Soares to Lance Corporal

No. 1505 Pte. V. M. Nunes to Lance Corporal

No. 12 Platoon.

No. 1339 L/Cpl. A. A. Xavier to Lance Sergeant

No. 1290 L/Cpl. H. M. Britto to

## GUILTY LIPS.

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you've had considerable experience.

"Yes, sir. Most of my experience has been in a law office. I've had practice taking letters in shorthand and also on the dictaphone."

"I see. Well, let's have a try at it. Ask Miss Fenway for a notebook."

Norma went for the notebook.

For half an hour she took dictation at high speed and afterward transcribed the notes. Her fingers seemed clumsy as she hit the type-writer keys but her shorthand was accurate. It took longer to write the letters than it should have but when finished they were perfect.

Stuart studied the letters carefully. He chewed the end of a cigar that was not lighted. Presently he broke the silence.

"Report for work Monday morning, please, Miss Travers. Nine o'clock."

Norma hesitated. "About the salary—" she began.

"Yes, yes. Of course. Twenty-five dollars."

"I was earning \$30 on my last job."

"Well, we'll make it \$27.50. Raise you after the first of the year if your work's satisfactory. Right?"

The girl nodded. "It's right."

She left Frederick J. Stuart's office.

In a building six blocks away F. M. Travers shifted to a more comfortable position in his comfortable desk chair. He was holding the French telephone to his ear.

"What's that?" Travers exclaimed. "You've found the girl? Yes, of course I want to go through with it. Take a cab and come over here right away!"

(To be Continued.)

Corporal

No. 1232 Pte. F. V. V. Ribeiro to Lance Corporal

No. 1503 Pte. A. A. dos Remedios to Lance Corporal

No. 1012 Pte. J. J. Lima to Lance Corporal

Reversion.

The following members of the Portuguese Company revert to the ranks at their own request with effect from 19th instant:

No. 1483 L/Cpl. F. M. Silva

" 940 " A. M. B. Rocha

" 1424 " H. H. Remedios

" 1423 " L. M. R. Pereira

" 1123 " A. P. E. Silva

Transfer.

No. 1407 Pte. J. N. Sweeney, No. 6 Platoon, is transferred to Scottish Reserve as from 15.11.31.

No. 1081 Sigm. E. H. Williams, Corps Signals, is transferred to Reserve Company as from 19.11.31.

Struck Off the Strength.

Having left the Colony.

No. 1008 L/Cpl. M. Morrison, No. 7 Platoon, as from 12.9.31.

On Medical Grounds.

No. 958 Pte. A. A. dos Remedios, No. 11 Platoon, as from 3.10.31.

Having completed 3 Years' Service.

No. 1375 Pte. M. T. Nunes, No. 12 Platoon, as from 2.11.31.

No. 083 Pte. E. Law, Reserve Company as from 4.11.31.

No. 500 L/Sgt. C. L. Farmer, Armoured Car Coy. Car Sec. as from 5.11.31.

Strength.

The following has been taken on the Strength.

No. 1759 Pte. V. H. White, No. 3 Platoon, date joined 17.11.31.

Leave.

Captain A. M. Thornhill, Armoured Car Company, Car Section, returned from leave on 27.10.31. The remainder of his leave up to 1.11.31 is cancelled.

No. 1303 Pte. R. Morrison, No. 6 Platoon, granted 2 months' sick leave from 17.9.31 to 17.11.31.

W. H. G. GOATER, CAPTAIN.

Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

## NOTHING DECIDED.

## LEAGUE FACED WITH NEED FOR SOME ACTION.

Paris, Nov. 19.

Sir John Simon has been summoned to an important Cabinet meeting in London, and is not attending this morning's meeting of the Council. He has promised to return as speedily as possible, consequently any critical decision may be delayed pending his return.

## Private Sessions Fail.

All sides are acknowledging the failure of the private sessions, hitherto, to advance towards an agreed settlement. A decision of some sort, however, will probably have to be taken at to-day's private meeting, even if this decision only be to have a public session, which will be a tacit admission of partial failure, as the aim hitherto has consisted of postponing open discussion until the opposing viewpoints were moving towards a reconciliation.

Thus it seems inevitable that the League will be forced to take some course unpalatable to one or the other of the disputants, and perhaps to both.

Although he has been unwell for some days, M. Briand again presides, as he refuses to absent himself while the League is confronted with such a critical task.

## "Nothing Achieved."

Later.

The secret meeting of the Council lasted an hour, and then broke up, with nothing achieved.

## No Evacuation.

The League delegates are now animatedly debating a report that the Japanese Government is likely to accept a commission of enquiry in Manchuria, without previous acceptance of the five fundamental points. It is understood that there will be no question of Japanese evacuation.

It is expected that Dr. Sze will very strongly resist the proposal to send a commission before evacuation.

In fact, Dr. Sze has now presented to the Council five points opposing the five Japanese fundamentals.—Reuter.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

## TO PREPARE A BOOK OF HIS WAR MEMOIRS.

London, Nov. 19.

Mr. Lloyd George, accompanied by his family, is leaving England to-day on a health trip to Ceylon. He joins the P. and O. liner Comorin at Marseilles to-morrow.

Mr. Lloyd George it will be recalled underwent a severe operation in July, and has made an excellent recovery. He expects to resume active Parliamentary duties when he returns to England in the middle of January.

The newspapers state that during his voyage he will prepare a book of war memoirs.—British Wireless.

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Mrs. Reinshagen, a newcomer to the concert platform in Hongkong, created a very good impression, including a bracket of old German airs among her numbers. She has a pleasing soprano. The others are well-known to local audiences, and again gave of their best.

The full programme was:

"Prologue" from "Pagliacci" Leoncavallo  
Tosti  
"A Vucchella" Tosti  
"Perdutamente" Tosti  
"My Dream of Rose-Mary" Mr. G. d'Aquino  
"Jealous Love" Old German Air  
"The Elegant Irish Boy" Old German Air  
"Elegie" Mrs. A. Reinshagen  
"La Maison Grise" from "Fortunio" Massenet  
"Pensee d'Automne" Massenet  
"On Wings of Song" Mr. Li Chor Ch. Mendelssohn  
"Calm as the Night" Carl Bohm  
"Povera Pulcinella" Mrs. R. Sanger. Buzzi-Peccini

## ARMED ROBBERY.

## TWO CHINESE YOUTHS IN TROUBLE.

The two Chinese youths, Chung King-man and Li Fat, who are charged with having committed an armed robbery on No. 7 Kak Hang Village, Kowloon City, on October 16, were again produced at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon before Mr. Fraser.

They are alleged to be members of a gang of five men who entered the premises on the night of October 16 and held up the 14 inmates, among whom were a number of guests. In spite of an alarm being raised, the gang escaped, taking away with them a quantity of jewellery.

Further evidence was given yesterday afternoon by the inmates of the house, after which the case was adjourned until November 24.

"Oh, Night Divine" Calamant  
"Che Gelda Manina" from "La Boheme" Puccini  
"Mr. G. d'Aquino" Puccini  
"Pauvre Jacques" Anonyme  
"Chanson de Fortunio" Jacques Offenbach  
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## THE FALL OF TSITSIHAR.

## JAPANESE CROSS THE C. E. RAILWAY.

Shanghai, Nov. 19.

[Delayed by Censor.]  
A message from Harbin states that, following up a vigorous offensive yesterday morning, the Japanese commander, General Taniuchi, broke through General Ma Chan-shan's lines, driving the Chinese forces into a retreat northwards.

Pressing forward, the Japanese troops took possession of Anganchi at 1 p.m., crossed the Chinese Eastern Railway at 4 p.m. and continued to progress along the Tannan-Tsitsihar railway practically without opposition.

They entered Tsitsihar at 8 p.m. and now have complete control of the capital of Heilungkiang.

Ma Chan-shan has fled northward towards Khashan; and Chang Ching-hui, the pro-Japanese Governor of Harbin, has gone to Tsitsihar. It is understood he will take over charge of Tsitsihar by arrangement with the Japanese authorities.—Reuter.

## Occupation Confirmed.

Tokyo, Nov. 19.

Reports that Japanese troops occupied Tsitsihar last night were apparently premature, the latest press despatches stating that they entered at ten o'clock this morning, completing the occupation at noon. It seems they only occupied strategic points in the vicinity last night, but owing to the activity of Chinese troops within the city they decided it was necessary to enter and occupy the place today.—Reuter.

Chiang Kai-shek to Go to Manchuria.

Nanking, Nov. 19.

Marshall Chiang Kai-shek has announced that he is proceeding immediately to Manchuria.—Reuter.

Nanking, later.

It was at a secret session of the Fourth National Kuomintang Congress that Chiang Kai-shek, speaking emotionally, declared he must fulfil his duty and obligations, and prove his loyalty to the country and Kuomintang, by proceeding immediately to North China, whereupon the delegates rose in a body spontaneously, in silent and solemn tribute to Chiang Kai-shek.

It is understood that an important resolution will be submitted by the Foreign Affairs Commission at to-morrow's Congress session.—Reuter.

## IRISH SWEEP.

## THE CONSOLATION PRIZES.

London, Nov. 19.

With the conclusion of the draw of 1,064 Irish sweepstake tickets in respect of 56 horses left in the Manchester November Handicap, the second section of the draw began today.

This is a pure lottery, consisting of 1,900 consolation prizes of £100 each, also ten special prizes of £2,216 each, the latter representing the odd money in the pool. Of these ten, five have been drawn by English ticket holders, two by Irish, and one each by a South African, Canadian and American.—Reuter.

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## THE INTERPORT DINNER.

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said he did not grudge them their victory. He concluded his speech by speaking on what he described as a "personal matter." He said:

Perhaps I myself have played once too often. (Cries of "No, No.") I knew you would say "No," but I said eighteen months ago in Shanghai that that was my swan song in Shanghai, and I think this is my swan song tonight. Keep up the traditions of the Interport week. The friends you make in this week are names you always remember—sterling fellows who never let you down. Among the men you meet here today is one who has just returned from home—Mr. R. E. O. Bird—who appears 25 years younger than he was when he last played interport cricket. That little ground out there holds great memories for me. I am very sorry to chuck it. Keep it as it is—let's keep it to the country house cricket that we all enjoy. I hope the young fellows from Shanghai and Hongkong will be playing for many more years to come. We should keep as long as we can. I should like to thank everybody for their loyal support to the side. I am sorry we did not win, but everybody did their best as the cricketers know and it is because we were defeated by better bowling that we lost the match.

Li-Col. T. A. Robertson, O.B.E., proposed the toast of the guests and the Bishop of Victoria, the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppy replied.

A very pleasing selection of music was given during the dinner by the Hongkong Hotel Classical Orchestra, and after dinner the proceedings were enlivened by contributions by Messrs. G. W. E. True, J. Henderson and C. A. Anderson. Mr. Henderson's feminine impersonation was a distinct success.

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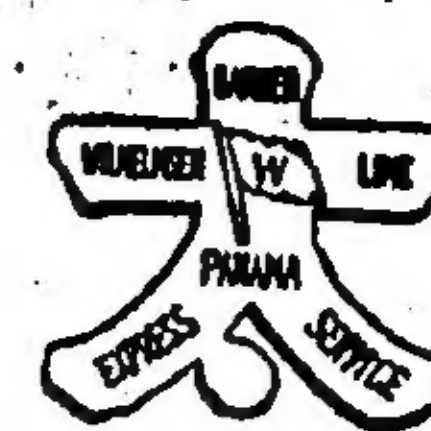
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### SOUTH SEA TRIP LEADS TO DIVORCE SUIT.

JURY REJECT THE ALLEGATIONS.

Without retiring, a jury in the Divorce Court rejected allegations that there had been misconduct between the chief officer of a whaling vessel and the wife of a company director during a voyage to the South Seas.

Mr. Thomas Henry Humphreys, of Oakleigh-grove, Bellingham, Cheshire, director of the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Ltd., asked for the dissolution of his marriage, and named Charles Henry Smith as co-respondent, but the petition was dismissed with costs.

Mrs. Humphreys' voyage was for the benefit of her health, and owing to "talk" on board the captain ordered Mr. Smith not to communicate with Mrs. Humphreys except in a limited way.

It was said that subsequently he was seen leaning over the rail of the deck and speaking to her through the cabin port-hole.

Mr. Smith's answer to that was that he was asking Mrs. Humphreys about the size of a box she wanted made.

A Birthday Kiss. A complaint was made that on the morning Mrs. Humphreys' birthday Mr. Smith advanced to her, and, according to the head steward, they "kissed and shook hands."

Both Mrs. Humphreys and Mr. Smith admitted that he took her by the hand, wished her "many happy returns of the day," and kissed her. They said they thought nothing more of it.

Both Mrs. Humphreys and Mr. Smith said that the charges against them were false. After the jury's verdict Lord Merivale said: "This case has taken a curious course, and the petitioner was put in a position of great difficulty and delicacy. That, however, is not a matter for discussion, but at the close of his evidence Mr. Humphreys said: 'If the jury come to the conclusion that my wife is not guilty of adultery, I shall be glad to accept that conclusion.'

"With the memory of 15 years during which these people have lived happily together it is to be hoped that they will see their way to come together again," added Lord Merivale.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

	Wednesday	Yesterday
Paris	96 3/4	96 1/2
Geneva	10 1/2	10 1/2
Berlin	15 1/2	15 1/2
Oslo	18 1/2	18 1/2
Helsingfors	19 1/2	19 1/2
Athens	310	306
Buenos Aires	37 1/2	37 1/2
Shanghai	1/9	1/8 3/4
New York	3 7/8	3 7/8
Amsterdam	9 13/32	9 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2	18 1/2
Vienna	28	28
Madrid	44 1/2	44 1/2

### TSANG FOO VILLA MURDERS.

IDENTIFICATION OF PRISONERS.

CAUGHT ON ROOF.

Evidence of the arrest of the second and third prisoners, Lai Tung-hoi and Tsang Cheung, was given by police witnesses when the Tsang Foo Villa murder case was resumed at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and a jury.

Sergt. Wheeler, in reply to Mr. Tam, defending counsel, said that he did not see the second, third and fourth prisoners arrested. Answering the Attorney General, in re-examination, he said he had no doubt that the man he arrested in the tank on the roof of the villa was the first prisoner, and he was quite certain he was the man he had seen on the roof in the moonlight previously.

An Indian constable said that when he reached the roof he saw a Chinese strike one of the female bodies with a bamboo pole. He was gripping the pole with both hands and the blow appeared to be a heavy one. Witness said he arrested the second prisoner. When witness was observed by the man he ran towards the middle of the roof and struggled when arrested, but witness succeeded in holding him, took him downstairs and handed him over to an Indian constable, who was looking after a room set aside for receiving prisoners.

Witness continued that he then returned to the roof where the first prisoner was handed over to him to take downstairs.

Cross-examined by Mr. Tam, witness said he did not see the third and four prisoners being arrested, those being Tsang Cheung and Cheung Kam-chi, and he did not see either of them on the roof at any time. He saw them in the guard room when he took first prisoner there. They were not in the room when he handed second prisoner over. Another Indian constable said he arrested a Chinese he saw standing near one of the bodies, this being number three. He took him downstairs to the guard room. He was with Sergt. Doig when he dragged number five on to the roof from a window coping where he was hiding, outside the verandah.

The case is proceeding.

### TRADE REVIVAL SIGNS.

SWEDENS ENCOURAGING FIGURES.

Several signs of encouragement are given by the official preliminary report on Sweden's foreign trade during September, which has just been issued by the Swedish Board of Trade (Kommerskollegium).

The quantity figures now given, indicate a value of the September export of slightly over 100 million kronor (\$5,655,550) and of the import of about 130 million kronor (\$7,222,222), as against 97.5 million kronor (\$5,415,000) and 134.3 million kronor (\$7,461,111) in September 1930.

The import figures show a practically unchanged consumption and purchasing power in spite of the crisis. Amongst the export items pulp, paper, ball bearings pig iron show increased figures in comparison with September 1930, while timber, iron ore and butter show a marked decrease. The total Swedish sales of wood now amount to about 650,000 standards and foreign buyers have lately shown considerably increased interest. Three pulp mills in the north of Sweden have recently resumed work after some months' inactivity.

### SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

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July 1932 1.30 down 1 pt.  
September 1932 1.35 no change.  
December 1931 1.23 no change.

### HONEST BRITAIN.

PAYS MORE WAR DEBTS THAN SHE RECEIVES.

London, Nov. 19.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr. Neville Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons that the total amount of payments made to the United States on account of British War debt to date, was £235,200,000. The total amount received by this country on account of allied war debts was £71,275,000.—British Wireless.

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